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YOU CAN'T BE SYRIA!

The NYPD yesterday denied that it would be providing security for Mayor Mamdani's wife Rama Duwaji's trip to Syria and Lebanon, despite an administration spokeswoman saying so. Mamdani claimed it was a "miscommunication."

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NYPD slaps down request to escort Mam's wife to Mideast

James Keivom

*Non*profit execs?

10 Cent. Park bigs get $300K+

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RAKING IT IN: Ten top executives at the Central Park Conservancy have salaries of $300,000-plus, according to tax filings. Leading the way picking the fruits of the money tree are (from top) Elizabeth Smith at $1.2 million, Stephen Spinelli at $746,000 and Roger Mosier at $544,000.

By CARL CAMPANILE

They're filling the park — and their pockets — with green!

Central Park Conservancy bigwigs are raking in big bucks with 10 administrators earning salaries of $300,000 or more, according to the organization's 2025 tax filing.

CEO Elizabeth Smith led the pack with an eye-watering $1,211,800 base salary in 2024, nearly 30% over her $933,592 pay in 2023, the filing showed.

Her huge pay is twice what she made just five years ago, when she was paid $605,000 by the nonprofit, which manages and maintains the 843-acre park under a contract with the city Parks Department.

Smith, who has been CEO and president since 2018, served as city Parks Department assistant commissioner under then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg and also had a 25-year career in finance.

The CEO, wife of ex-Port Authority executive director Rick Cotton, made headlines last year for voicing support for legislation to phase out horse carriages in Central Park, which has gained momentum since the shocking June death of a teen tourist who fell from a runaway carriage.

Union wrath

Her position drew the wrath of the horse-carriage industry.

"Working for a 'nonprofit' has been very rewarding — for Smith," said John Samuelsen, president of Transport Workers Union International, which represents horse-carriage drivers.

"But under her watch, Central Park has descended into an e-bike, delivery-vehicle, pedicab-filled nightmare for pedestrians and regular bicyclists. She's done a terrible job managing New York City's crown jewel."

Meanwhile, chief financial officer Stephen Spinelli's salary package surged 14% — from $654,429 in 2023 to $746,635 in 2024, according to the filings.

And Roger Mosier, chief of park operations, raked in $544,054, a 3% jump from his $528,552 compensation the prior year, according to the filings.

Seven other administrators earned salaries exceeding $300,000, and three others earned between $263,000 and $295,000.

The top executives receive bonuses or incentives in addition to their base salary.

A conservancy spokesperson declined to comment on its executives' compensation.

But in its "990" tax report to the IRS, the group said its compensation and management development group members check with industry consultants to evaluate compensation levels to "attract and retain the best talent in the industry."

"The conservancy recognizes the invaluable contributions of its current senior management team to its achievements thus far," the statement said.

"The conservancy's compensation framework is structured to drive and incentivize present high-performance standards, acknowledge and reward the expertise and tenure of our team members and provide multiyear long-term incentives aimed at retaining key management personnel."

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Garden feud may be settled

A heated feud over the fate of Nolita's beloved Elizabeth Street Garden may finally be coming to an "amicable resolution" more than a year after former Mayor Eric Adams saved the green space from a wrecking ball.

The potential settlement stems from a lawsuit filed in November 2025 by three developers — Pennrose, Habitat for Humanity and Riseboro — after the Adams administration canceled a plan to convert the garden into 123 units of low-income senior housing last June.

The city and the miffed development team now appear to be working toward an "amicable resolution," and attorneys for both sides will return to court on Thursday after receiving an extension to negotiate the settlement, according to court documents first reported by Gothamist.

To put an end to the over-decade-long saga, the city and developers are striking a deal to transfer another city-owned lot, 22 Suffolk St., to the development team as a consolation prize, people familiar with the negotiations told the outlet.

"As part of our commitment to building the affordable housing New Yorkers urgently need, we are moving forward to deliver over 180 affordable homes at 22 Suffolk Street," City Hall spokesperson Matt Rasuchenbauch told The Post.

"At the same time, we are continuing to work toward a resolution of the lawsuit initiated under the previous administration concerning the Elizabeth Street Garden site." *Hannah Fierick*

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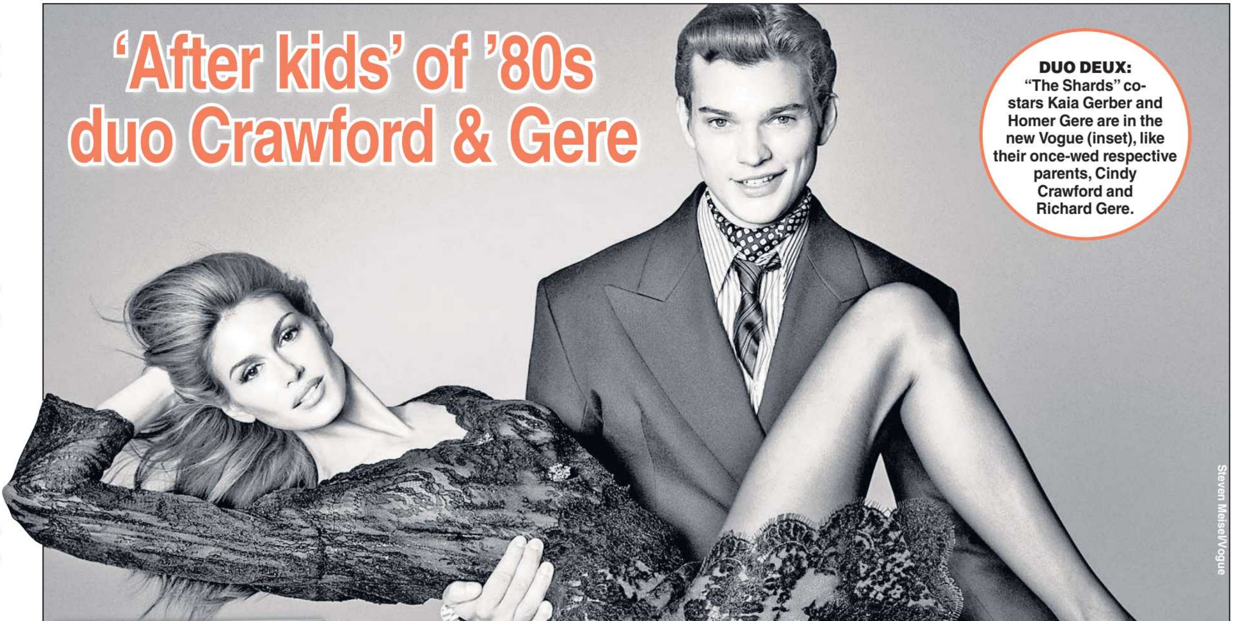
‘After kids’ of ’80s duo Crawford & Gere



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DUO DEUX: “The Shards” co-stars Kaia Gerber and Homer Gere are in the new Vogue (inset), like their once-wed respective parents, Cindy Crawford and Richard Gere.

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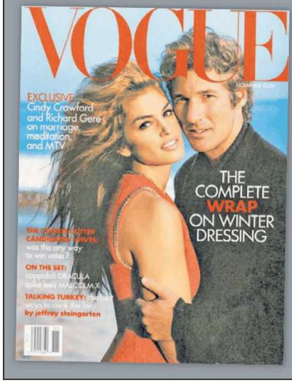
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ALMOST FAM PIX

By JOLIE ZENNA

Nepo baby worlds collide!

Kaia Gerber and Homer Gere pose together on the cover of Vogue’s September issue, 34 years after their famous parents — onetime couple Cindy Crawford and Richard Gere — did the same.

“Maybe it seems too on the nose,” Homer says of the fact that he and Kaia star together in a new sexy FX series “The Shards.”

He describes meeting her for the first time at Ye Rustic Inn in Los Felix, Calif. “That’s Kaia’s spot. It’s, like, her chill I’m-gonna-go-have-a-beer-and-smoke-a-cig-outside spot. Twenty minutes into knowing each other, I was like, ‘Should we just acknowledge the fact that our parents were married?’ She was like, ‘Yeah. Cool.’ And that was it.”

That marriage, of course, didn’t last. Richard Gere went on to marry Carey Lowell, Homer’s mother, and Cindy wed Rande Gerber, Kaia’s dad.

They lived quite different childhoods. Kaia, now 24, was in Malibu, and started modeling at the age of 10 and walked at runway at 16 — immediately drawing comparisons to her mom.

Homer, now 26, grew up far away from Hollywood, in Westchester, and only started acting recently — aside from a small part on “Euphoria,” “The Shards” is his first role.

It was on “Euphoria” that Homer faced online scrutiny, and praise, for his supposed lack of chiseled abs like many young actors — a “dad bod” — which became something of a bonding experience between him and Gerber.

‘Body-positive’ bond

“The fact that I’m apparently a body-positivity icon has opened my eyes to the absurdity of the media,” he told Vogue.

Gerber thought it all “wonderful,” she said.

“Everyone’s being like, ‘This is so sexy.’ And I think that rocks,” Gerber said. “We’re clearly in one of those cycles right now where people are very, very, very thin. As someone who’s been thin most of my life, I’ve always been compared against my mom — like, What’s wrong with Kaia? I’m so jealous of my mom’s body. I would have loved to be born with boobs and a butt.

“People have always commented on my body, which is hard because I’m not always ready to comment on my own body, you know? I’ve had disordered eating in my life. People are like, ‘You look terrible,’ and it doesn’t exactly make you go, ‘Oh, good. Let me get over this mental illness then!’ Negativity has never saved someone’s life.”

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THE RED APPLE

MAM: I JUST ‘MS.’

Now says wife *won’t* get NYPD Mideast escort

By CARL CAMPANILE, HALEY BROWN and MATT TROUTMAN

What a cop out.

A seemingly red-faced Mayor Mamdani blamed a “miscommunication” Tuesday after an awkward public clash between City Hall and NYPD officials over whether the department would provide security for wife Rama Duwaji’s upcoming Middle East trip.

The high-profile back-and-forth appeared to end when Hizzoner asserted that Duwaji would not receive a taxpayer-funded police escort on her jaunt to Syria and Lebanon next month — despite his own senior spokesperson the previous day claiming she would.

“There was a miscommunication. She has not yet taken that trip, and when she takes that trip it will be without any NYPD detail,” Mamdani told PIX11, when asked about The Post’s Monday report. A source familiar with the security detail said the first lady, whom the mayor has described as a “private person,” requested the escort, and Mamdani’s office had confirmed she would be accompanied by city cops.

“Upon the strong recommendation of the NYPD, the first lady’s security detail will be joining her when she travels to visit family in Syria and Lebanon,” Mamdani’s spokeswoman Dora Pekec said.

Paul Martinka; instagram/@rawaduwaji

SAY WHAT? After mayoral mouthpiece Dora Pekec (above) said NYC First Lady Rama Duwaji (near right and top right with hubby) would get an NYPD escort on a Mideast trip, police brass said no way.

Instagram / @ramaduwaji

Break with the boss

But City Hall’s assertion drew a stunning response from the NYPD Tuesday morning.

“The NYPD does not send officers to countries with level-four travel advisories for discretionary reasons not linked to investigative work,” a department spokesperson insisted.

“This is not an investigative trip, and therefore NYPD personnel will not be traveling there for it.”

The statement not only undercut Pekec’s assertion but effectively amounted to NYPD officials publicly breaking with Mamdani, their boss.

One source familiar with the situation said simply, “They never checked with the police commissioner [Jessica Tisch].”

When asked about the disparity, Pekec directed The Post toward Mamdani’s remarks attributing the matter to a “miscommunication” to PIX11 during an event later Tuesday that was closed to other press.

City Hall offered no further comment on the Sept. 20 trip’s details or whether the purpose was solely to visit family.

The source with knowledge of the trip told The Post, “It’s not official business. It’s not doing anything for the city.”

Both countries are on the US State Department’s “Do Not Travel” list due to security concerns.

The prospect of sending NYPD cops to countries on the no-travel list struck former police commissioner Bill Bratton as “ill-advised.”

Such an assignment, he said, would be “expensive” and require significant assistance and cooperation from the federal government.

“There would be lots of hoops you’d have to go through for that kind of assignment,” he said.

SPOKE

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Bratton said the disagreement between Mamdani's office and Commissioner Tisch should have never happened, especially over an issue as sensitive as the first lady's travel.

"You're going to have to clear up the confusion," he said.

Tightening up

Mamdani has to tighten up his communication protocols with the NYPD, said David Catalfamo, who served as communications director for then-Gov. George Pataki.

Catalfamo said there's a "deference" to law enforcement on security measures.

"I suspect communication between the Mayor's Office and the Police Department will be better in the future," Catalfamo said. "The political folks want to run ahead of the story. It doesn't work that way when it comes to security.

"The NYPD wants to be there to protect the mayor and his family — but there are limits. Going to Syria and Lebanon is not like buying a ticket on Amtrak."

Duwaji, a 29-year-old Syrian-American artist, traveled overseas just last month without police protection.

She co-hosted a pro-Palestinian all-female spiritual retreat on the French island of Corsica, and was also the "artist-in-residence" at a sold-out "Plants Of The Quran" workshop on the Spanish island of Mallorca. Both were organized by the Women Sanctuary, a Muslim-and-women-focused travel group run by Parisian designer Rym Nur.

The embarrassing snafu over her next trip abroad also showcased NYPD officials' willingness to publicly buck the mayor, at least when confronted by an apparent error.

Mamdani's not-quite mea culpa came amid simmering tensions with Tisch, a pro-Israel moderate who hasn't been shy about her differences with the Israel-critic mayor.

Tisch entered Mamdani's administration by frankly acknowledging her differences with the upstart socialist over Israel and many public safety issues.

Within days of Mamdani taking office, Tisch angrily stormed into City Hall to read the riot act over his tardy response to back-to-back police shootings.

But they've apparently worked together productively — with Mamdani happy to crow about reductions in crime and chummily share the stage with Tisch.

LIEL LEIBOVITZ

No 'private' security on public dime

I JUST returned from a lovely weeklong trip to Italy's Amalfi Coast.

You'll be glad to hear that no NYPD officers had to accompany me to ensure my safety while I enjoyed lemon gelato and gnocchi alla Sorrentina.

Why? Because I'm a private citizen, and as such am not entitled to a taxpayer-funded security detail of New York's Finest.

Easy, right?

Tell that to Dora Pekec, Mayor Mamdani's spokesperson.

Earlier this week, Pekec announced that First Lady Rama Duwaji willl soon be traveling to the Middle East — and will be taking a few boys in blue along for her protection.

"Upon the strong recommendation of the NYPD," Pekec said, "the First Lady's security detail will be joining her when she travels to visit family in Syria and Lebanon."

Which, it turns out, was news to the NYPD: The department, a spokesman said on Tuesday, "does not send officers to countries with level four travel advisories for discretionary reasons not linked to investigative work."

Both ways

Because irony is Mamdanistan's greatest natural resource, Duwaji's trip just happens to coincide with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to New York to attend the UN General Assembly — a trip likely to keep the NYPD busy now that Mamdani has encouraged his followers to take to the streets and protest.

It's a delightful debacle, and yet another reminder — as if more reminders were needed — that nothing good happens when the college theater kids take over America's largest city.

Yet the affair raises two pointed questions, and they're no laughing matter.

The first has to do with what role, exactly, Duwaji plays in her husband's administration.

To hear the mayor tell it, his missus is absolutely, resolutely, positively a private person.

That's the line Hizzoner takes every time a new report reveals the depths of his wife's depravity.

Did Duwaji cheer for Hamas after the attacks of Oct. 7, 2023?

Did she crow that the Jewish state had no right to exist?

Did she choose to illustrate work by an author, Susan Abulhawa, who described Israelis as "rootless, soulless ghouls"?

Don't bother me with such trifles, said the mayor: "My wife is the love of my life," Mamdani told the press, "and she's also a private person who has held no formal position on my campaign or in my City Hall."

But, like the cat in Schrödinger's famous thought experiment who was somehow both alive and dead at the same time, Duwaji has managed to be both private and very, very public — sitting for a glamorous photo shoot with New York magazine one moment and clamming up the next.

This most recent controversy, then, is a good reminder that City Hall can't have it both ways.

If Duwaji is a public enough figure to demand a measure of protection that isn't guaranteed to her by law, she's also public enough to sit down with the press and do some 'splaining.

And then, there's the question of the trip itself.

Why, pray tell, is the city's first lady ignoring the US State Department's warning not to travel to Syria and Lebanon "for any reason"?

And if the trip's ultimate purpose is, as City Hall insists, to "visit family," why is she willing to put NYPD officers at risk to do so?

It's called corruption

These are not just petty qualms; they're perfect windows into the Mamdani administration's mindset — one in which Beirut is much nearer to heart and mind than Borough Park, say, and in which the city's public servants are required to serve the very private interests of the mayor and his wife first and foremost.

There's a simple English word for this mindset: It's "corruption."

From wasting $5.2 million of our dollars to pay the salaries of hand-picked propagandists to demanding that cops risk their lives and waste their time and our money to accompany his wife as she pals around with her kin in some of the world's most feverishly anti-American nations, Mamdani is giving us a master class in misconduct.

We always knew the mayor was fond of musical theater.

But we never figured he'd turn New York City into his own real-life staging of "Evita."

Liel Leibovitz is editor at large for Tablet and senior fellow at the Hudson Institute.

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SPECIAL ISSUE
RAMA DUWAJI
FIRST LADY of NEW YORK CITY

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: "Private person" Rama Duwaji is featured in a photo shoot for New York magazine's The Cut.

Anonymous jury due to harass fears

Steven Hirsch; James Keivom

PRESSING: Press credentialed "Mangionistas" Ashley Rojas (right) and Abril Rios (far right) leave Manhattan Supreme Court on Tuesday following a hearing for Luigi Mangione (left), during which a judge revealed the murder case will have anonymous jurors.

Jurors shielded from Luigi fans

By KYLE SCHNITZER
and STEVEN VAGO

Jurors at Luigi Mangione's high-profile murder trial will remain anonymous, a Manhattan judge announced Tuesday — after prosecutors raised concerns about potential "intimidation" and "harassment" by the accused killer's twisted fans.

Rules for the hotly anticipated trial, set to begin next month, were revealed by Justice Gregory Carro during a brief hearing in Manhattan Supreme Court.

The judge said the proceedings would include an overflow room to accommodate additional space for media and spectators, with more than 80 news organizations expected to attend.

Prosecutors and Mangione's defense attorneys had volleyed letters arguing over the logistics of the trial, most recently with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office raising concerns that some of the alleged murderer's supporters could "intimidate" witnesses.

'Intimidation'

"The media attention surrounding this case — and the efforts of some of defendant's supporters both to intimidate witnesses and to interfere with the functioning of the jury — will place extraordinary pressure on witnesses and potential jurors alike," Assistant District Attorney Joel Seidemann wrote in a letter filed late Monday.

He asked that if Carro approved an overflow room, where the proceedings would be live-streamed inside the courthouse, that "it include only an audio feed so as to minimize the potential for witness intimidation and harassment."

But Carro admonished the seasoned prosecutor for implying that he wouldn't be up to the task of wrangling Mangione's trial.

"Mr. Seidemann, this is not the first rodeo in this court with a high-profile case," the judge seethed during his opening speech, later approving both an audio and video feed to the overflow room.

Mangione, 28, has pleaded not guilty to the December 2024 killing of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson on the street in Midtown.

Mangionistas

Two of three self-proclaimed "Mangionistas" — Abril Rios and Ashley Rojas — were inside the courtroom Tuesday wearing City Hall-issued press credentials for the pretrial hearing. The ghoulish fans sparked outrage in May with unapologetic calls for political violence outside the courthouse.

Carro on Tuesday also chided Mangione's attorneys for accusing Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office of handpicking reporters to cover the trial — a claim prosecutors denied.

"At no time did the district attorney's office play . . . any role in determining media or public access. Any suggestion that the district attorney is involved is simply incorrect," Carro said.

Boat flip survivor held baby

A survivor of the deadly boat capsize in New York Harbor has described how she held the baby killed alongside her mom just moments before tragedy struck.

Elizabeth Velez was handed Antonella Garcia as the 5-month-old girl's mom Sara Sanchez, 27, tried to get a life jacket — even though prosecutors say there were no child-sized ones available, and the 14 friends on board were not made to wear them.

"She was a very happy girl. She didn't cry the whole way," Velez told NBC New York of the tot killed with her mom moments later when the motorboat flipped in the waters near Liberty Island late Saturday.

The group — including the baby's dad, Sanchez's 29-year-old husband Andres Garcia — left to celebrate the birthday of someone in their church congregation.

Just before 10:30 p.m., the boat was caught in a swell and overturned. When Velez surfaced, she could see all in the group — except Sanchez and Antonella.

The boat's captain, Manuel Hernandez, is accused of knowingly operating the vessel with an infant on board without ensuring the child was wearing a life vest, prosecutors alleged on Monday. *Anthony Blair*

Record July cooked US

July's sweltering heat officially torched the record books, earning the rank as the hottest month ever recorded in the contiguous US, according to forecasters.

The average temperature in the lower 48 states in July was 76.9 degrees, roughly 3.3 degrees above the 20th-century average — marking the warmest month in the 132-year record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Though it was unusually cool in Alaska, the hotter temps suffocated much of the Mountain West, Southwest, Northern Plains and Southeast, NOAA said.

Zoe Hussain, with Wires

Billion-dollar Powerball prize looms

The Powerball jackpot edged closer to $1 billion, the largest prize of the year, after no one won Monday night's lottery drawing.

Wednesday's jackpot is estimated at $975 million, with a cash value of $422.3 million — making it the largest Powerball jackpot this year, and the biggest since last December's colossal $1.817 billion prize.

It is also the eighth-largest jackpot in Powerball history.

Monday's numbers were: 6-37-54-55-64. The red Powerball was 10, and the Power Play was 3X.

Although no players had all the winning numbers for Monday's drawing, there was a "Match 5 plus Power Play" $2 million-prize winner in Tennessee and $1 million Match 5 winners in California and Maryland.

Drawings take place at 11 p.m. EDT every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

The odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 292.2 million, and a ticket costs $2, with an additional $1 to add the Power Play for a chance to multiply all Powerball winnings except for the jackpot.

In some states, players can also add the Double Play for an additional $1 to have a second chance at winning $10 million.

Powerball is played in 45 states, as well as in Washington, DC, and the Virgin Islands.

Non-US citizens and residents can also play Powerball. *Anthony Blair*

SHERIFF BUTLER
Opposes sanctuary laws.

Upstate sheriff rips gov

An upstate sheriff put Gov. Hochul in her place for trying to force counties to comply with Democratic-backed sanctuary laws — pledging he won't keep his mouth shut.

Cattaraugus County Sheriff Eric Butler, a Republican, went viral on social media for pushing back against the Hochul administration's efforts to force local governments to end any existing cooperation deals with federal immigration officials.

That ban on so-called 287(g) agreements is part of a package of new sanctuary laws that the Legislature pushed through in its last session. "Gov Hochul does not know Cattaraugus County better than I do," he said. "She does not operate our jail."

Hochul's office, in a statement to The Post, brushed aside Butler's comments.

"Counties do not get to pick and choose which state laws they follow," spokesperson Jess D'Amelia wrote.

Vaughn Golden

'Lulu Lenin' slap at Kam

Republican Sen. John Kennedy unleashed on ex-Vice President Kamala Harris, chiding the potential 2028 candidate for desperately cozying up to "Lulu Lenins" — unveiling a new nickname for democratic socialists that quickly went viral online.

Kennedy (R-La.) bitingly called Harris "no longer relevant" in an interview with Fox News' Sean Hannity Monday night and mocked her for trying to woo progressives after her loss to President Trump in 2024.

Ella Morrison

AOC-YA BEAU?

Rep. may have split with fiancé

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez / Instagram

LOVE LOST: After Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez announced last week that she was freezing her eggs (inset), rumors have swirled that she is no longer with fiancé Riley Roberts.

Getty Images

By CRAIG MCCARTHY,
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and STEVEN NELSON

WASHINGTON — Speculation is swirling over whether Democratic darling Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has quietly split with her longtime beau Riley Roberts following her public announcement this week that she was freezing her eggs to feel "more in control of my life."

The "Squad" star, 36 — who got engaged to Roberts in April 2022 — has been spotted in recent months without her engagement ring, and it was noticeably absent in May when the pair was photographed together at a Manhattan burger joint.

She also carefully chose her words when asked this week by a reporter about her choice to freeze her eggs and if her "fiancé was supportive of it."

"All of my loved ones have been very supportive," she said.

Breakup rumors have spread among the Democratic Party, with one insider speculating that they split because of her ambitions to seek higher office.

Ocasio-Cortez has been considered a front-runner for the Democratic 2028 presidential nomination or US Senate — whichever she picks.

Other Democratic sources pointed out that Ocasio-Cortez hasn't worn a ring for some time and that Roberts hasn't been in the congresswoman's House financial disclosures for years, having last been listed for an August 2022 trip to Italy.

The Bronx and Queens rep referred to him as a "spouse" for that junket so the two could have some food and lodging expenses covered as gifts.

They also appeared together at the Met Gala — where she sported her infamous "Tax the Rich" dress, which garnered significant scrutiny from the House Ethics Committee in a report issued last year.

Roberts scored a free ticket to the $35,000-per-person Big Apple event because he was considered her "spouse."

"The Committee takes very seriously its obligation to provide sound and dispassionate advice to the Members of this House" and would have informed Representative Ocasio-Cortez and her counsel that Mr. Roberts did not fit the definition of a 'spouse' for purposes of the Charitable Events Exception," the report stated.

Ethics investigators noted that even as Roberts was claimed as a "spouse" to accept gifts and privately sponsored travel, the fiancé was not forced to disclose his financial interests to the House "as is required of Members who are legally married."

The pair dated in college and briefly broke it off before reconnecting around 2015, according to the Daily Mail.

Ocasio-Cortez and Roberts were together in 2018, when she stunningly beat out incumbent Joseph Crowley to become the youngest person ever elected to Congress, and throughout her rapid ascent in the House.

The famously private duo had gotten engaged during a jaunt to her family's hometown in Puerto Rico, yet refrained from tying the knot for years.

Some conservative critics speculated that Ocasio-Cortez was holding off on a wedding to avoid scrutiny over Roberts' finances, as it would be subject to House disclosures after marriage. Neither Ocasio-Cortez nor Roberts returned multiple messages seeking comment.

Delete-ist lefty's vid scrub-fest

Holiday-hater hides past

By JOSH CHRISTENSON

WASHINGTON — Michigan Democratic Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed scrubbed videos from his YouTube channel in which he claimed that Fourth of July "fireworks suck," questioned whether American football was "ethical" and floated the elimination of the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

At least 100 of El-Sayed's videos were made private ahead of his primary win last week, though several had already been archived, CNN's KFile first reported.

It's only the latest example of far-left candidates having to distance themselves from their past holiday-hating remarks.

Wisconsin Democratic gubernatorial candidate Francesca Hong recently walked back criticisms of Thanksgiving as a "colonizer holiday" and Valentine's Day as "another day capitalism tells you how to show love."

In New York City a far-left Democratic nominee for the Assembly in Queens, Aber Kawas, also had comments unearthed last year that claimed all federal holidays "truly represent the silencing & destruction of our movements."

The removals come as El-Sayed tries to tack to the middle in preparing to take on Republican nominee Mike Rogers in the crucial Nov. 3 general election.

A July 10, 2024, clip showed El-Sayed discussing "alternative ways of celebrating" America's independence "that might be just as fun and are definitely less destructive." The video featured time-stamped segments called, "Fireworks just aren't worth it: hear us out" and "Fireworks can trigger PTSD in veterans."

Klo wins Minn. gov primary

Sen. Amy Klobuchar cruised to victory Tuesday in Minnesota's Democratic gubernatorial primary.

Klobuchar, who has represented the Land of 10,000 Lakes in the US Senate since 2007, easily overcame six rivals after a roster of political heavyweights — including state Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, AG Keith Ellison and Klobuchar's colleague Tina Smith — opted not to seek the governorship.

Klobuchar, 66, announced her candidacy in late January weeks after Gov. Tim Walz announced he would not seek a third term. *Victor Nava*

Foe flattens pillow guy

State House Speaker Lisa Demuth trounced MyPillow founder and President Trump acolyte Mike Lindell in the crowded GOP gubernatorial primary field, leading by more than 15 percentage points when the race was called.

The first black lawmaker and first Republican woman to serve as speaker of the Minnesota House, Demuth will now go up against four-term Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who handily won her primary.

Lindell, who was endorsed by Trump in July, appeared on track to finish a disappointing second. *Victor Nava*

Tafoya takes GOP

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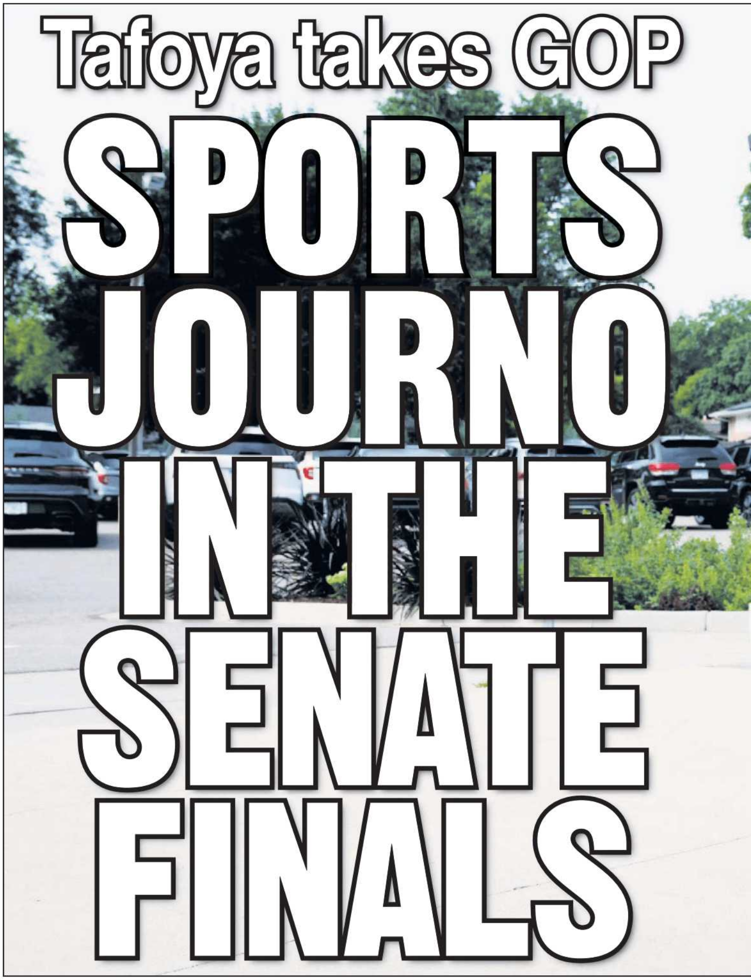

By VICTOR NAVA

Former sportscaster Michele Tafoya cruised to victory Tuesday in the Minnesota Republican Senate primary.

The four-time Emmy Award-winning sports journalist entered the GOP primary after incumbent Sen. Tina Smith (D-Minn.) announced in February she wouldn't be seeking a second term.

Tafoya led with 51% of the vote, besting former Navy SEAL Adam Schwarze (22%) and ex-NBA hoopster Royce White (9%) with about a fifth of the ballots counted.

Tafoya, who roamed NFL sidelines for more than a decade as a reporter for ABC and ESPN "Monday Night Football," and later NBC's "Sunday Night Football," campaigned as a political outsider who would flip Smith's Senate seat and bring "common sense" to Washington.

"Minnesota is in play," she wrote on X hours before polls closed. "We have a real opportunity to flip this Senate seat and defeat far-left socialist Democrats in November."

Tafoya has been endorsed by the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

President Trump, however, did not give Tafoya his stamp of approval. Minnesota Republicans also opted to endorse

primary race in Minnesota

TOUCHDOWN! Award-winning sports reporter Michele Tafoya arrives (left) to cast her vote Tuesday after campaigning hard to win the GOP nomination for Senate from Minnesota as she hopes to flip the seat for Republicans. She's facing leftist Democrat Peggy Flanagan (inset opposite page).

AP Photo/Ellen Schmidt

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Schwarze over her at the party's convention in May.

Vocal about politics

Tafoya, who for years has been vocal on social media about political issues, campaigned on cracking down on fraud, and she supports imposing mandatory minimum prison sentences on convicted fraudsters and deporting illegal migrants who steal taxpayer money.

She also pledged to "fight tooth and nail" against left-wing efforts to abolish ICE; support the SAVE Act in Congress; and "get men out of women's sports."

She'll face leftist Democrat Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, who defeated moderate US Rep. Angie Craig, the latest victory for an insurgent progressive over the party's establishment.

The result was another sign of progressive energy among Democratic primary voters. It comes a week after Abdul El-Sayed won a bitter and divisive primary in Michigan that fired up the left and fueled anxiety among party leaders that Democrats candidates will alienate moderate swing voters and cost the party a chance at winning a Senate majority.

Flanagan will be the front-runner in the general election contest against Tafoya. Minnesota voters haven't elected a Republican to a statewide office since 2006.

Still, Minnesota Republicans are hoping a fraud scandal involving the widespread theft of public funds centering around the immigrant population will give them an opening up and down the ballot. *With Wires*

Lindsey sis heads to runoff

Sen. Darline Graham advanced Tuesday to the Aug. 25 runoff election in the special GOP primary to hold on to her late brother's South Carolina Senate seat following his death last month.

Darline, appointed to fill out the remaining months of Lindsey Graham's term, had President Trump's backing in the crowded primary.

She'll face Rep. Ralph Norman, who emerged from the crowded field with the second-place slot.

As of 9 p.m. Tuesday, Graham led with 33% of the GOP primary vote with Norman at 24%. Because no one reached 50%, a runoff is required.

"She has my complete and total endorsement," Trump said at a Darline tele-rally Monday evening. "She fully supports the Trump agenda and will help us achieve our mission."

Lindsey had been a close friend and golf partner of Trump, despite their initially rocky relationship during the 2016 presidential election cycle. *Ryan King*

Longtime rep. loses

Rep. John Larson, who has served in the House of Representatives since 1999, lost the Dem primary in Connecticut's 1st District Tuesday to a challenger 32 years his junior.

Larson, 78, was defeated by former Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, who led the incumbent by nearly 20 percentage points when the race was called. *Victor Nava*

NYC-DSA not diverse

A solid majority of the rapidly growing New York City Democratic Socialists of America self-identifies as white, a new survey found — despite the far-left faction touting itself as champions of diversity and inclusivity.

The Big Apple chapter, whose membership includes Mayor Mamdani and Bronx/Queens Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, is 60% white, an internal demographic survey of its members found.

That makes the socialist organization considerably less racially diverse than the New York City population — and even the Democratic Party as a whole.

The Democratic Party is approximately 56% white, according to Pew Research Center.

According to the latest available data from the US Census Bureau, NYC is just 34% white. *Chris Nesi*

GOLF FAKE MAKE

Hole-in-1 cheat

By JENNA LEMONCELLI

It was a fraud in one.

Zach Holland made golf news with perhaps the most brazen cheat of the game, faking a hole-in-one during an event at WingHaven Country Club in Missouri.

"You do something as dumb as I did, there are consequences for that," Holland told ESPN radio in St. Louis after his scam was revealed.

Holland was competing in a tournament that included a hole-in-one prize pot on the fourth hole.

He completed the first three holes with his group, then told his playing partners he needed to take a personal phone call, allegedly regarding his ill grandmother — and that he would tee off on the fourth hole ahead of them and meet them later on the green.

Holland (inset) eventually returned to the group and explained that he "thinned" his tee shot, and wasn't sure where the ball landed.

When they arrived at the green, they found the ball in the cup and celebrated what they believed was a hole-in-one by Holland.

Video gotcha

But security footage later reviewed by staff showed Holland driving near the fourth green before his scheduled tee time and placing his ball in the hole.

"There's no excuse for what I did, and I was completely in the wrong," Holland said. "There's really no motivation."

Holland added that he resigned from the club but was speaking out to save his wife and two children from the vitriol.

"I made a terrible mistake," Holland said. "The lack of moral character — I can take the banter and the chatter and the heat because I deserve that from a golf perspective.

"What I am most worried about is my family. . . . It's not fair to them for me to put them in that situation where when they walk through a room, there is a stigma there that your dad is a [cheater].

"So, questions that they may get asked or be getting asked down the road, that's the worst part.

"The golf is secondary."

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J.Lo livin' la dolce vita

Bellissima! Jennifer Lopez enjoyed a recent trip to Italy, stripping down to her skivvies — fittingly from Italian fashion house Dolce & Gabbana. The bold picture — captioned "Leo season continues" in a Tuesday Instagram post — is befitting of the 57-year-old singer/actress' Zodiac sign.

Charlie Chiu

Jay-Z HQ 'threats'

A rapping stalker threatened Roc Nation's CEO in lyric-laced social media screeds and confronted her in a terrifying encounter outside the company's Manhattan headquarters, law enforcement sources said.

A representative for Desiree Perez — who founded the elite agency with Jay-Z — told police that the creep threatened the businesswoman, 56, in front of the loft-style office building on West 26th Street near 11th Avenue in Chelsea around 7:30 p.m. Monday.

"You are going to die," he seethed, according to the sources.

The same menace had been targeting Perez with death threats outside the building in multiple incidents since May, the sources added.

Sources also said threats were made through social media and in music lyrics targeting Roc Nation.

The suspect has been tentatively identified as a homeless man known around Manhattan and The Bronx, but he has not yet been arrested, the sources said.

Joe Marino and Amanda Woods

Read all about Bam's book pod

WASHINGTON — Former President Barack Obama will front a new podcast beginning next month that focuses on six "great" books as he and wife Michelle continue to expand their post-White House media ventures.

The 44th president described the forthcoming "A Great Book With Barack Obama" pod as a way of trying to reintroduce Americans to reading.

The six-episode podcast will focus on books about faith, politics and race in America. *Ryan King*

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KAT TURNS TAIL

Levy ‘will ruin’ Apple: Trump

By MATT TROUTMAN
and HANNAH FIERICK

He’s trying to Trump the pied-à-terre.

President Trump on Tuesday blasted New York’s new pied-à-terre tax on luxury second homes as “pure Amateur Hour” that will “RUIN” the Big Apple.

Trump, in a Truth Social post, said he’d direct the federal government to look into the tax before calamity strikes his hometown.

“I am looking to see if the Federal Government has any legal right to avert this disaster, before it is too late, for the millions of people who cherish New York and want to see it thrive, as opposed to becoming a filthy, crime ridden, decrepit place of mockery and scorn,” he wrote.

“This dangerous political ‘experiment’ in New York will destroy what was once a great City and State. It is pure Amateur Hour, and it’s hard, as President of the United States of America, to sit back and watch it happen, especially to a place I once loved,” Trump wrote.

The post came a day after a Staten Island judge temporarily halted Mayor Mamdani’s rollout of the surcharge over a lawsuit claiming the city was bungling it and unfairly burdening homeowners.

Mamdani’s administration quickly appealed, staying the judge’s order.

The tax, approved by state lawmakers and Gov. Hochul, takes aim at owners of luxury second homes in New York City worth $5 million or more, or $1 million if a co-op or condo.

Hochul, who has championed the levy on pricey pads alongside Mamdani, shot back at the president’s comments during a press conference on the Lower East Side touting summer food assistance for low-income city kids.

“New Yorkers are feeling the squeeze of all of his policies,” the Democratic incumbent, who is seeking a second, four-year term in November, told reporters when asked about Trump’s post, arguing that grocery prices have increased as a result of his tariff policy.

“It’s about paying your fair share,” she claimed. “Donald Trump ought to focus on all the pain he’s causing New Yorkers and knock it off, and don’t worry about us.”

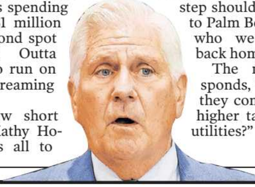
Dolan’s Bruce PAC

A super PAC bankrolled by Knicks owner James Dolan is dunking on Gov. Hochul in a fiery new ad for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Blakeman (inset).

The pro-Blakeman “Strong and Safe New York” Super PAC is spending more than $1 million on a 30-second spot titled “Get Outta Town” set to run on digital and streaming platforms.

“Just a few short years ago, Kathy Hochul told us all to ‘jump on a bus and head down to Florida where you belong. Get outta town!,’ ” the ad says, showing a clip of Hochul saying just that. Another snippet shows the Democrat governor saying, “Our tax base has been eroded. Maybe the first step should be go down to Palm Beach and see who we can bring back home.”

The narrator responds, “Why would they come back? For higher taxes? Higher utilities?” *Carl Campanile*



These NYers are fighting City Hall

‘They don’t seem to have done any due diligence.’

—Simon Hedley, outside his house in Chelsea

By MATTHEW FISCHETTI,
JORDAN DONEGAN
and MATT TROUTMAN

They’re sticking it to the tax Mam.

A trio of New Yorkers — two family members of a GOP lawmaker and the other a self-described supporter of Mayor Mamdani — are the standard bearers for a legal fight that temporarily put New York City’s pied-à-terre tax on hold.

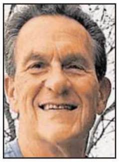
Rachel O’Brien, whose husband is City Councilman Frank Morano (R-Staten Island), said she joined the high-profile lawsuit after Mamdani’s administration included their home on a published list of more than 900,000 properties that could fall under the new levy.

“As soon as I saw it I was confused and a little bit angry that the city would do this,” O’Brien, 41, told The Post as she cared for her newborn child Tuesday. “I immediately knew it was wrong and I had conversations with my husband, who’s a city councilman and he had been receiving phone calls from constituents who were on the list and confused and worried.”

O’Brien said she thought about how it was “crazy” that the city was “able to do this and just sort of throw people’s lives into disarray.”

“It’s the city just putting unnecessary stress on middle-income homeowners who are just going to work, paying their mortgages, paying their property taxes, utilities — trying to raise their families like we’re doing,” she said.

“The mayor didn’t seem to care that this rollout was based on completely erroneous information, so I wanted to set the record straight with this lawsuit.”



Neighbors, friends and relatives who likewise were surprised to discover their own homes appeared on the controversial list — which was published on the city Department of Finance website late last month — have overwhelmingly supported the suit, she said.

“It’s been received well just because people feel the same way — that the city botched this,” O’Brien said. “They’re essentially doxing lawful property owners and [it] was done in such a sloppy manner that confused and in some cases intimidated people.”

ON PIED-A-TERRE

Stephen Yang; James Messerschmidt

> ‘It’s the city just putting unnecessary stress on middle-income homeowners who are just going to work . . . trying to raise their families.’
>
> —Rachel O’Brien, at her Staten Island home Tuesday

The pied-à-terre tax is meant to hit the wealthy owners of secondary residences in New York City: one- to three-family homes worth at least $5 million and co-ops and condominiums valued at $1 million.

But the suit filed Friday alleges that the owners of properties on the “supplemental tax roll” — including O’Brien and her father-in-law and fellow plaintiff, Carmine Morano (inset) — were effectively doxed and sent into unnecessary panic because the vast majority wouldn’t be subject to the surcharge.

Another group of 17,000 New Yorkers — represented by Chelsea resident Simon Hedley in the lawsuit — received mailed notices from the Finance Department warning them they’d be hit with the tax unless they filed for an exemption.

Hedley, a Mamdani supporter who didn’t take issue with the pied-à-terre law approved by Gov. Hochul and the state Legislature, joined the case in frustration over City Hall’s apparent scattershot approach to implementing the levy.

‘Burden of proof’

“They don’t seem to have done any due diligence around town, as far as I can tell; they’ve scatter-gunned thousands and thousands of people without really knowing who’s who,” Hedley told The Post after the suit was filed.

“Now it’s the burden of proof on the residents to prove they are residents,” the frustrated New Yorker said.

Hedley’s only home is in Chelsea, and since the suit was filed he has managed to prove to the city that his property should not be subject to the tax.

“They got back to me superfast, so I really appreciate that,” he said this week.

“Getting back to people really quickly, who are uploading documents and all that sort of stuff, I think that will go a long way to making this — getting past this mapping road.”

Both Hedley and O’Brien were pleased with a Staten Island judge’s ruling Monday that temporarily paused the pied-à-terre rollout — though the Mamdani administration is appealing the decision.

“Because people believe the old adage ‘You can’t fight City Hall,’ but I don’t believe that you don’t stand up when something is wrong,” O’Brien said.

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Pause on tax a ‘city matter’

By VAUGHN GOLDEN
and MATT TROUTMAN

The pied-à-turmoil is just getting started.

Gov. Hochul is trying to distance herself from Mayor Mamdani’s bungled pied-à-terre rollout, but the new tax could cause her headaches for years to come, insiders said Tuesday.

A Staten Island judge’s stunning decision Monday to order a pause on Mamdani’s rollout put a spotlight on an issue causing tensions between Hochul’s camp and City Hall since the tax on luxury second homes arose in state budget talks this spring.

The tax’s troubles are the last thing Hochul, a Democrat, wants as she seeks re-election this fall against Republican challenger Bruce Blakeman, said a business-community source involved in the negotiations.

“She can’t be running on ‘tax-and-spend Kathy,’” the industry source said.

Mamdani’s calls to “tax the rich” pushed Hochul into what she called the role of “therapist-in-chief” for the city’s uneasy well-to-do.

A blustery Hochul — before she even hitched her political wagon to Mamdani by endorsing him — declared: “I’ve spoken to hundreds of business leaders saying, ‘Listen, nothing is going to happen to this city without me being aware of it and involved in it.’”

But the supposed hands-on governor changed her tune as problems mounted with the pied-à-terre levy, which she and state lawmakers approved in May.

Hochul this week first flatly said the state wasn’t responsible for the actual rollout of the new tax, then spokeswoman Jennifer Goodman further distanced the governor from it following the judge’s ruling.

“While this lawsuit about the administration of the tax is a matter for the city and the courts to work through, the governor continues to believe that people who can afford a multimillion-dollar second home in New York City can afford to pay their fair share,” Goodman said Monday.

Hochul’s critics wouldn’t let her skate.

“It’s typical Kathy Hochul to blame everybody else for her failures,” Blakeman said at a campaign event Tuesday in Queens.

“She’s doing everything that Zohran Mamdani wants you to do, 'cause he’s running the party now.”

Mamdani administration lawyers on Tuesday appealed the pause ordered by Staten Island Supreme Court Justice Wayne Ozzi, who temporarily put the brakes on the tax until a lawsuit fighting it is resolved.

‘Lawless’

Attorney Randy Mastro, a veteran of ex-Mayor Eric Adams’ administration who’s representing homeowners in the suit filed Friday, quickly fired off a furious letter to a judge. He argued the city was ignoring the court order pausing the rollout.

“That is lawless,” he wrote.

Even if Mamdani irons out the kinks, the pied-à-terre law envisions an overhaul of the city’s convoluted property-tax system — a colossal undertaking that no mayor has seriously tried to tackle.

Other Republicans piggybacked on Blakeman’s assertion that Hochul has caved to Mamdani.

“Mamdani wanted another tax, Hochul gave it to him, and now New York homeowners are stuck dealing with the consequences while they point fingers at each other,” said GOP state comptroller candidate Joseph Hernandez.

“It’s not surprising that the governor pushed through this bill on behalf of the socialists and is now hiding from it,” said Assemblyman Michael Tannousis (R-Staten Island/Brooklyn).

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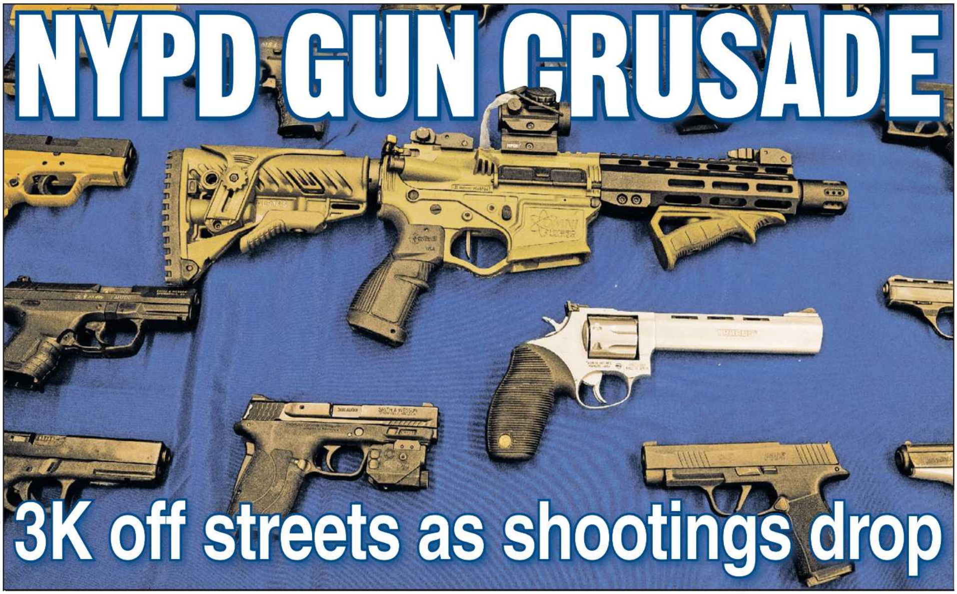
NYPD GUN CRUSADE

3K off streets as shootings drop



Stephen Yang/Lev Radin/Sipa USA

GOOD NEWS: NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch (below) said by "putting officers where and when they are needed most," the Big Apple's Finest were able to take more than 3,000 guns off the streets, including 199 untraceable "ghost guns" — as murders and shootings go down.

By JOE MARINO
and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

The NYPD has taken more than 3,000 guns off the streets of the Big Apple this year, as the number of shootings in the five boroughs continues to dip to historic lows, police brass said Tuesday.

The whopping number of seizures, which included 199 untraceable "ghost guns," comes as the department revealed last week that the number of murders, shootings and gunshot victims in the city had hit all-time lows through the first seven months of the year, officials said.

'Precision-policing'

"This milestone is a direct result of our precision-policing strategy: putting officers where and when they are needed most, identifying the drivers of violence, and taking guns off our streets," NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch announced.

"I thank the brave NYPD officers who execute this work and our law enforcement partners, including the Gun Violence Strategies Partnership, who help us build strong cases, hold criminals accountable, and keep our city safe."

In all, New York's Finest seized 3,259 guns since January, led by 915 in Brooklyn, 782 in the Bronx and 764 in Manhattan over the seven-month span.

Another 605 were taken off the streets of Queens and 193 in Staten Island, police said.

Tisch said the focus on gun seizures is part of the department's drive to tackle shootings, which have reached historic lows this year, including the fewest number of murders in New York City history over the first six months of the year.

Violence reduction plan

The numbers are part of a trend — the first four months of 2026 saw a 9.5% drop in major crimes.

Through the end of July, Tisch said cops reported 381 shootings in the five boroughs, surpassing the previous record of 412, set over the same period last year.

Meanwhile, the number of shooting victims also set a new low, with 462 compared to 489 over the same span last year, while the 149 murders so far this year also set a record, beating the 174 murders recorded over the first seven months of 2017, Tisch said.

The department credited a new initiative that uses data to target areas prone to violent crime and gunplay based on tracked trends. Since launching the Summer Violence Reduction Plan on May 4, major crime has dipped nearly 25% in targeted violence reduction zones through Aug. 10, police said.

"Brooklyn is experiencing a public safety renaissance, with record-shattering declines in homicides and shootings, and no murders for almost a full month this summer," Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said in a statement Tuesday. "Taking over 3,000 illegal guns off city streets is an important component of this ongoing success, and I thank the NYPD for the hard and diligent work that keeps us all safe."

Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg added, "Every illegal gun off our streets can prevent a potential tragedy."

LI home wrecked by tree

A massive tree crashed through a Long Island home during intense storms on Monday — trapping nearly three dozen cats inside the wreckage, according to reports and authorities.

The 70-year-old tree smashed into the Westbury home on Oakdale Drive around 9 p.m., terrifyingly "grazing" homeowner Wendy Kimball's brother, a stroke and cancer patient, as he took a nap in bed, WABC reported.

"I missed the tree by this much, and my brother was actually grazed by it in bed," Kimball told the outlet.

The family managed to escape the damaged home, and Kimball's brother only suffered minor injuries — but 37 of their cats were still trapped inside.

The shaken homeowner contacted multiple rescue groups to save the kitties, whom she fosters to rehabilitate, News12 reported.

Animal rescuer John Debacker, who was assisting in rescuing the felines, posted videos and photos while navigating the wreckage of the home as he searched for surviving cats.

Town of North Hempstead spokesperson Umberto Mignardi issued a statement saying the town determined that the heavily damaged home is "unsafe to occupy" and that entering it could "put lives at risk."

Roughly two dozen of the cats were still in the house after it was deemed unsafe to enter, Debacker said in an update early Tuesday.

"The tree that came down was planted by my father, and my mother was a genealogist, and that's a 'family tree,' " Kimball told WABC.

Zoe Hussain

Ma of 2 killed by cop beau

A mother of two begged her children to run inside and call 911 before she was kidnapped and murdered by her on-and-off boyfriend, a Florida sheriff's deputy, in a shocking murder-suicide.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Deputy Troy Savetz, 47, was waiting in the woman's front yard in Hudson when she and her two children, ages 9 and 12, had just returned from the beach Monday evening, authorities said.

She told the children to run inside and call for help when she started arguing with Savetz — with whom she'd been in a "tumultuous" on-and-off relationship.

Police rushed to the woman's home, but she and Savetz were already gone.

He kidnapped the mother in a rental car that police tracked to Spring Hill, about 6 miles away.

Inside the car, they found both Savetz and the woman dead from gunshot wounds.

Patrick Reilly

Ky. teach in grooming rap

The Kentucky middle school teacher who was the first to be charged under a new grooming law is a married new mom, it has emerged.

Graves County MS teacher Sadie Flores, 25, was busted Friday and charged with grooming a minor — four years after marrying her husband, David, a machine operator, and a year after giving birth to their first child, a daughter.

Flores shared snaps of her daughter posing in front of church signs just weeks before she was arrested following a complaint from the accuser's parents.

She "attempted to manipulate the minor and expressed feelings of love and admiration more so than just a student-teacher relationship," Graves County Sheriff's said. Police did not reveal her alleged victim's age, but the Mail reported school board officials were contacted by a parent of a 14-year-old. *Chris Bradford*

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Kat runs and hides on pied

DEM DUO: Gov. Hochul has been trying to appeal to Mayor Mamdani's legion of leftists.

Lev Radin/Zuma / SplashNews.com

YOU can follow politics for decades and never see an elected official run away from a problem faster than Gov. Hochul did Monday.

After a Staten Island judge halted the city's muddled implementation of the unpopular pied-à-terre tax, the governor ducked any responsibility despite proposing the tax and pushing it through the Legislature.

On Monday, that history seemed like the work of a governor from another planet when Hochul shifted into the role of an innocent bystander so smoothly that it looked rehearsed.

At an appearance after the court ruling, she began by making an inane observation of the obvious, saying people are "frustrated with the rollout" of the tax but quickly shifted into "don't blame me" mode.

"We are not responsible for the rollout," she said shamefully. "This is something that we talked to the city about in advance."

Trying to wash her hands of the disaster won't fly given how she boasted about proposing the tax and defending it as fair and necessary.

President Trump certainly wasn't fooled by her sudden claim of innocence.

He blasted the tax in a Truth Social post as "pure Amateur Hour" that will "RUIN" the city and vowed to have the federal government look into the tax before it takes effect.

He called the levy a dangerous "experiment" that will destroy the city and state, saying "it is hard, as President of the United States of America, to sit back and watch it happen, especially to a place I once loved."

Campaign pandering

The history of how we got to this strange moment cannot be separated from the ways Hochul's re-election campaign aims to appeal to Mayor Mamdani's legions of radical leftists.

Higher taxes, especially on the wealthy, are foundational to the raging socialist mindset, and Hochul, while pretending to be a moderate, gave the mob what it wanted.

Although she rejected Mamdani's bid to raise income taxes on the wealthy and successful corporations, she offered the pied-à-terre tax as a substitute that would yield about $500 million a year.

When she proposed it, her press release included praise from Mamdani that implicated her in his class-warfare regime.

"Thanks to the support of Gov. Hochul, we are one step closer to balancing our budget by taxing the ultra-wealthy and global elites with a pied-à-terre tax — the first of its kind in our state," he boasted.

Roping her in even closer, the mayor said he and Hochul were "fighting every day to make sure the wealthy contribute what they owe and our budget reflects our commitment to the working New Yorkers being priced out of our city."

On the day it passed, he rushed to a Central Park South building in Manhattan to taunt billionaire Ken Griffin, with a weird video where the mayor boasted about "taxing the rich."

Hochul offered no criticism, instead confining herself to a misleading reference to the tax as being about "accommodations in the short-term transition phase for the ways in which different property types are currently valued in New York City."

But there was something else in the law that she wasn't talking about. In a little noticed-statement last week, a Hochul aide revealed that the state is using the city's list of properties that could be subject to the surcharge to find evidence of fraud against the state.

Eye on 'nonresidents'

According to a report in Gothamist, the state is looking for homeowners "falsely claiming to be a nonresident" in order to cheat on state taxes.

In effect, Albany is using the pied-à-terre roll as a dragnet to compel homeowners either to pay that tax or claim New York residency. The latter would prevent them from benefitting from lower income tax rates in other states where they own property, such as Florida.

In a statement, the official, identified by Gothamist as Jen Goodman, also raised the possibility that the new law could lead to "steep penalties against homeowners who live in New York City" for more than half the year, but instead pay income taxes to lower-tax states. Clues could include an out-of-state driver's license, cars registered elsewhere and out-of-state license plates.

Hochul, to my knowledge, has not mentioned those plans to use the city's list of properties to snoop for state tax purposes.

Her ultimate aim is to attract Mamdani voters while not driving middle-class and higher-income families into the arms of her GOP gubernatorial opponent, Bruce Blakeman.

Blakeman vows to eliminate the pied-à-terre tax and roll back state spending, but is struggling to mount a real threat against her.

Republicans have not won a statewide election since 2002, and most polls show Blakeman trailing by double digits. Registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than 2-to-1 in the state, and there are more non-affiliated voters than Republicans.

For Blakeman, the Nassau County executive, to have a reasonable chance of winning, he'll need to get more than 30% of the vote in the five boroughs.

That's the recent high of GOP candidates, including gubernatorial nominee Lee Zeldin four years ago and Trump in his 2024 re-election, both of whom lost the state.

Times swing & a Mich.

Like a dog barking at the moon, The New York Times has spotted a fresh outbreak of anti-Muslim prejudice.

A front-page story Tuesday declared that the victory of Abdul El-Sayed in Michigan's Democratic Senate primary unleashed a wave of Islamophobia.

As proof, the paper cited a smattering of quotes from Republicans, including President Trump's claim that Democrats are electing "jihadists."

Fair enough up to a point, but the article is more broadly a reflection of the Times' refusal to call antisemitism and anti-Americanism for what they are.

In brushing aside El-Sayed's charge that Israel is guilty of genocide in Gaza, it fails to mention that he never condemned Hamas' widespread atrocities during its invasion of Oct 7, 2023, that started the war.

Without that and without citing the barbaric treatment of Israeli hostages, including children, readers are left with an inference that Israel started the war.

Similarly, the article glides over El-Sayed's support from and closeness to Hasan Piker, the vile commentator who once said "America deserved 9/11."

Nor does it cite El-Sayed's violent imagery about how to move the party leftward. "Ideally you put one ogre on a pike, and then everyone else gets the message," he said on a conference call.

To back up its claim of widespread hate against Muslims, the paper quotes the deputy director of CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, who blames the fact that Muslim candidates are critical of Israel and want to end American aid.

Naturally, the Times doesn't mention that CAIR itself was labeled an unindicted co-conspirator by the Justice Department in a terrorism-financing trial that involved sending money to Hamas.

But sure, Islamophobia.

‘Easy, relaxed’ war strategy

WASHINGTON — President Trump said Tuesday that he’s considering maintaining the Iran war with an “easy, relaxed” approach that focuses increasingly on inflicting economic pain.

“I’m their banker,” Trump declared.

Trump said in an interview with Wayne Allyn Root of Real America’s Voice that he was frustrated with Iran’s “devious” negotiators and felt he could try to “bop along” and win the conflict through financial leverage.

“We could just keep it alone, and they’re going to fail. We could just keep, you know, doing sort of just like nice and easy, relaxed,” Trump said.

“I’m sort of negotiating. You see, they’re very devious negotiators because they’ll agree to something, then they’ll go out and tell the press that they never agreed to it. They’re very dishonest people.

“We have three strategies,” he declared.

“Do what I’m doing now, just bop along and look how bad they’re doing because their nation’s, they’ve got 300% inflation. They have no value. Their currency has almost no value. They’re not paying their soldiers. Their soldiers are leaving. So just keep that going because that’s not sustainable.”

‘I’m their banker’

Another option he said was to “hit them really, really hard.”

“Or really the third is just beat them economically, but we’re doing that anyway,” Trump added. “That’s sort of a part of the first one. So economically, they are a mess. They can’t borrow money. We control their money, what they had, which is a lot. They had a lot, and we have total control of it.

“I’m their banker. I am their banker.”

Trump has been attempting for months to negotiate an end to the war that began on Feb. 28. *Steven Nelson*

US strikes ship for ignoring blockade

A US military helicopter fired at a ship sailing in the Gulf of Oman on Tuesday after its crew ignored warnings about the naval blockade on Iranian ports, a US official said.

The Panama-flagged container ship Vela Nova was sailing off the coast of Pakistan when the chopper fired a missile at its rudder, The Wall Street Journal reported.

“The missile struck the vessel, causing a fire that was subsequently extinguished,” maritime security firm Vanguard stated.

All 17 crew members were accounted for, with the Vela Nova attempting to transfer its sailors to another civilian vessel.

It was not immediately clear if the Vela Nova, which is not under sanctions, was carrying cargo to or from Iranian ports, which is prohibited under the US blockade.

The Vela Nova had recently made port in Mumbai and Port Klang, Malaysia, where Iran-linked ships have also been spotted, according to ship monitors.

If confirmed, it would mark the 12th vessel attacked by US forces since the first blockade went into effect in April.

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Trump’s great escape

8:22 P.M.: Trump boards old version of Air Force One in front of TV cameras in Ankara, Turkey.

8:26 P.M.: Journalists begin boarding and are told to keep shades closed.

Snuck out of Air Force

By STEVEN NELSON

WASHINGTON — New details are emerging about President Trump’s great escape from Ankara last month with the revelation that he was smuggled off Air Force One by a Turkish airport catering truck to board a different military jet.

Trump’s exit from the annual NATO conference — within reach of Iranian missiles — already stoked weeks of intrigue over his purported use of an older version of Air Force One instead of the luxurious Qatar-gifted aircraft on which he arrived.

Trump actually used a third plane in an elaborate ruse that fooled not only Iran but also the traveling press pool and some members of the president’s own staff.

Trump late Tuesday confirmed he slipped away from Air Force One due to a threat.

“I go by Secret Service and the military. They wanted me to go in a different flight, different plane,” Trump told reporters.

“I just have to do what they say,” Trump said.

Media none the wiser

Footage from the Ankara airport shows that a catering truck with a raised box bed — typically used for loading meals — was positioned with its dock raised on the far side of Air Force One as Trump boarded the presidential plane on July 8.

As the press pool boarded moments later, the catering truck, with its bed lowered, drove virtually unnoticed to a nearby military C-32A plane, which The Washington Post reported carried Trump to the United Kingdom.

Aboard Air Force One, pool reporters were instructed to keep their window shades closed at the request of the Secret Service.

A dispatch indicates that one photographer opened their shade and was quickly instructed to close it again.

THE BATTLE FOR IRAN

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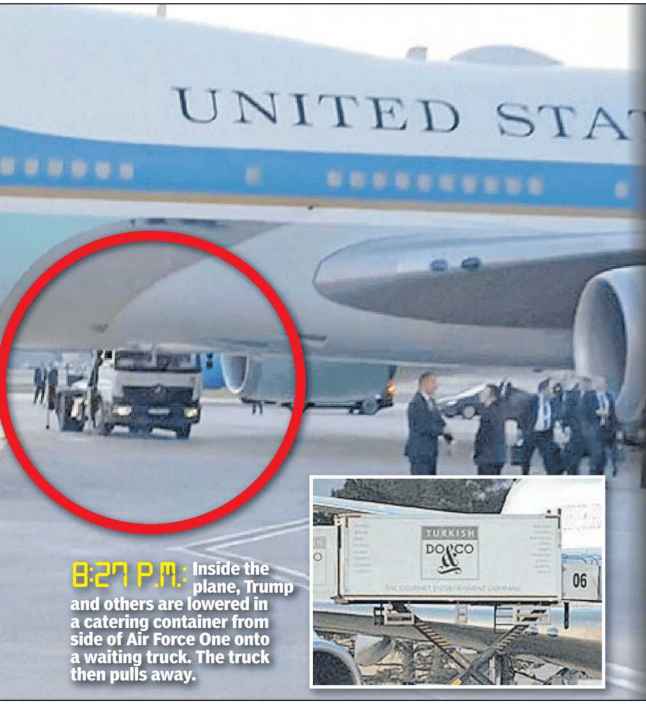

8:27 P.M.: Inside the plane, Trump and others are lowered in a catering container from side of Air Force One onto a waiting truck. The truck then pulls away.

8:30 P.M.: Catering truck drives to a nearby C-32A, a decoy Air Force One, to drop off Trump.

10:16 P.M.: Old version of Air Force One lands at Mildenhall Air Force Base in the UK, moments after Trump's plane landed.

10:56 P.M.: Trump descends steps of old Air Force One, acting as if he was aboard, and flashes a peace sign.

One in catering truck amid Iran threat

It's unclear which other officials joined Trump in the truck, though he's typically accompanied by a doctor and staffers designated to maintain contact with the military and White House chief of staff's office.

The fresh reporting raised new questions, including whether there was a specific threat to Trump's life, rather than a vague concern involving the Iran conflict.

The revelation generated an outpouring of surprise in Washington.

"If the [Washington Post] story about Trump switching planes to return home from Turkey is true, then kudos to the Secret Service, the Air Force and the [White House]," tweeted George W. Bush's White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

Cabin pressure

"If there's a credible threat against any POTUS, their job is to protect him. I'm sorry if the press felt deceived. In an extraordinary situation like that, what was the WH supposed to do? Announce the switch?"

Trump announced hours ahead of his departure from the Turkish capital that he would be taking the older model of Air Force One out of Turkey "for old time's sake" and sending the new Qatar-donated jet on which he arrived to RAF Mildenhall ahead of him to allow US forces stationed there to tour it before he used the plane to travel back to Washington.

The publicly stated plan to use the older Air Force One was believed to be motivated by a lack of advanced security features on the newer craft, such as technology to deflect incoming missiles.

Hours before his stealth relocation to the third plane, Trump spoke about Iranian leaders wanting to kill him.

That week, funeral processions for the late Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei featured banners threatening to kill the US president.

'No. 1 on kill list'

When a New York Post reporter asked Trump at a news conference in Ankara whether he was ditching the new plane due to threats from Iran, the president responded that "I'm number one on the kill list" for the Islamic Republic, but declined to elaborate further. When another journalist pressed Trump on his publicly stated plane swap, the president insisted he sent the Qatari jet out of Turkey "so the soldiers can see it, because it's truly magnificent."

The deception — and its revelation — are incredibly rare if not unprecedented.

Then-President Bill Clinton similarly used Air Force One as a decoy in 2000 during a high-risk trip to Pakistan, but at least some reporters were aware ahead of time and the ploy was revealed publicly upon arrival.

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‘Ill’-timed vax order

Unscientific guidance amid measles spike

AP

BAD SIGN: President Trump on Monday adopts new recommendations of 11 childhood vaccinations, instead of 18, despite a measles resurgence.

DR. MATTHEW HARRIS

TIMING is everything, and the executive order calling for pediatricians to change how they space out childhood vaccines comes at a difficult time.

On Monday, President Trump signed an order adopting new recommendations of 11 childhood vaccines, down from 18 — and called for the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to be split into three separate shots, given at separate times.

Despite more than 55 years of safety data since the introduction of the combined MMR vaccine in 1971, the nation is experiencing a resurgence of measles cases.

As of Aug. 6, 2,465 confirmed measles cases have been reported in the United States in 2026, already above the total US cases in 2025 with four months to go. This year has had 38 new outbreaks and the most cases the US has seen in 35 years.

The outbreaks put the country at risk for losing its measles elimination status, which we’ve held since 2000. It’s a public health accomplishment that means the US hasn’t seen very large outbreaks and hasn’t had 12 months or more of uncontrolled domestic transmission of the virus since before that time.

But it may not last.

The outbreaks are happening as medical professionals tasked with treating measles patients consider the medical fallout of the virus.

Even a child who recovers can later experience severe delayed neurological and organ damage, fatal brain inflammation and vulnerability to other dangerous infections. These vaccine-preventable problems can follow children well into adulthood.

Then there are questions that arise from government messaging.

The executive order refers to a new “gold standard” in vaccine administration that includes administration of 11 vaccines instead of the standard 18.

The newly confirmed director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has affirmed her support for vaccines, saying she believes they “are safe and effective” at her Senate confirmation hearing. It is unclear whether Dr. Erica Schwartz is referring to the full list of childhood vaccines as recommended by the CDC or the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Thankfully, the mainstream medical community shares strong, consistent consensus on both the number and schedule of childhood vaccines.

The AAP response to the executive order states that vaccine recommendations are “tailored to the health of children living in the United States and are based on decades of research and systematic tracking of real-world experiences.”

Pushback from doctors

It reiterates that children receive certain vaccines at specific ages based on when children’s immune systems respond best, and whether they might be medically vulnerable to certain diseases.

The AAP acknowledges that it may sometimes be beneficial for a child to receive a single shot, and sometimes they may receive better protection through multiple vaccines at one visit.

Twelve major national health organizations representing more than a million clinicians, physicians and pharmacists formally endorse the AAP immunization schedule, alongside a large coalition of more than 230 public health and medical groups.

This unity comes from a recognition of the importance of making clinical decisions based solely on science.

It is also worth noting that there is no scientific evidence that vaccines lead to autism.

Practitioners and families still have space to discuss vaccination needs and the optimal schedule based on the health of individual children, science and data.

The cost and insurance coverage of vaccines is unchanged and isn’t dependent on the vaccine schedule, though spacing out shots would mean more visits to the doctor, which may carry additional financial and time burdens on the family and limit the time pediatricians have with patients.

The public health timing of the executive order is difficult, but as clinicians, we are trained to focus on guiding families to safe medical choices. That’s why now is the time for the medical community to respond not to political winds, but to how we can most effectively advocate for children’s health.

Matthew Harris, MD, FAAP, FAEMS, is a pediatric emergency medicine attending physician in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine for Northwell Health. He also serves as the medical director for Northwell Health’s Clinical Preparedness Team.

Fess in LI stab slay plot

A North Carolina man admitted he fatally stabbed his girlfriend’s ex-beau outside a swanky Long Island yacht club as she cheered him on, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Victor Panebianco, 32, of King, pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter for knifing Christopher Millwater, 52, twice through his heart and lungs at a parking lot near Stony Brook Yacht Club on Nov. 10, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office.

Millwater’s ex-girlfriend, 33-year-old Kacy Corso, and Panebianco plotted to drive from their North Carolina apartment to Long Island to ambush him outside the yacht club where he was known to hang out.

The twisted couple pulled into the same lot as Millwater before Panebianco exited the vehicle and approached the victim, authorities said.

After Millwater saw Panebianco, he tried to flee the parking lot, but Corso crashed into his car to stop him, prosecutors said.

Millwater, of Selden, uttered to Panebianco the chilling last words, “You’re stabbing me?” and screamed as the maniac pushed a knife through his organs.

Corso witnessed the attack and egged on her new boyfriend, prosecutors previously said. *Zoe Hussain*

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10 Nigerian cops killed

A clash with a gang of suspected bandits resulted in 10 Nigerian police officers being killed and two wounded in northwestern Kebbi state, police said on Tuesday.

The clash on Monday is the latest incident in Nigeria’s northwest, where heavily armed gangs known locally as bandits frequently carry out killings, kidnappings for ransom and cattle theft despite security operations.

A police spokesperson said officers killed at least 17 of the attackers after intercepting the heavily armed group moving between Zamfara and Kebbi states. *Reuters*

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WABC news anchor **Liz Cho** has filed a protective order to avoid testifying in her tumultuous divorce from ousted CBS host **Josh Elliott**.

Court papers obtained by PageSix.com's **Teresa Roca** show Cho filed a motion for a protective order on July 17 to stop Elliott's legal team from conducting a deposition of the "Eyewitness News" anchor that was scheduled for July 23.

"The deposition was noticed without any inquiry as to the availability of [Cho] and her counsel," Cho's request read. She claimed her lawyers notified Elliott's legal team that none of her attorneys were available on July 23 and "offered to coordinate a mutually convenient alternative date for the deposition."

Cho alleged Elliott's legal team did not respond to their request, with the office claiming counsel is "away on vacation."

The WABC anchor cited a procedure rule that allows the court to "enter any order that justice requires to protect a party from . . . undue burden or expense, including an order that discovery be had only at a designated time or place or on specified terms and conditions."

Lawyers for Cho and Elliott did not respond to Page Six's requests for comment. Connecticut courts could not comment on whether the deposition took place or has been rescheduled.

Also in the protective order request, Cho objected to Elliott's team requesting she provide a series of documents, including "copies of any written correspondence, emails, cards, text messages, or any written forms of communication between you and any person, other than the Plaintiff, with whom you have or have had a romantic and/or sexual relationship from July 11, 2015 to June 23, 2025."

Despite Cho objecting to the request for production, the Daily Mail reported she agreed to hand over any communications at a July 24 virtual court hearing.

Page Six reported that Elliott, 55, filed for divorce from Cho, 55, in June 2025, after nearly a decade of marriage.

Besties for 'Life'

IT'S a golden summer. Stars of the upcoming Palm Beach-set E! reality show "The Golden Life" have been spotted all over the Hamptons this summer and seem to be friends when the cameras aren't rolling. A spy tells us they saw **Ramona Singer**, **Sonja Morgan**, **Kelly Bensimon** and new cast member "Sex and the City" author **Candace Bushnell** "letting loose" at Calissa in Water Mill on Saturday "with no cameras in sight." We hear that the group hung out together from 9 p.m. until midnight without any drama. "It was so wild to see these ladies who have bonded over the chaos of reality TV, who also genuinely seem to like each other," a spy told Page Six.

Nikki laughs last

COMEDIAN **Nikki Glaser** has ditched her longtime reps at UTA and jumped to rival WME in a shocking move. The agency switch had Hollywood heads spinning Monday. "Nikki fired UTA without warning," a showbiz insider told us, alleging that members of her own team were unaware of the jump. "Crazy considering what UTA built for her the last five years," added the source. The star (above) leaves UTA as one of the highest-grossing live touring comedians. A p.r. rep for Glaser did not comment on the agency move.

This dress was one Tall' order! Tallulah Willis' Balenciaga couture gown took 712 hours for its delicate beadwork. She wed Justin Acee in Idaho Saturday.

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He scores a wife

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for soccer superstar **Cristiano Ronaldo** and longtime partner **Georgina Rodríguez**! The couple tied the knot in a civil ceremony yesterday in Cascais, Portugal, People reported. The athlete, 41, and Rodríguez, 32, uploaded a photo of his hand on her hand, both wearing gold wedding bands. In July, rumors swirled that they secretly tied the knot when they were spotted wearing bands on their ring fingers. In snaps obtained by Page Six, they kept a low profile as they arrived in Spain, but the bands could not be hidden. The lovebirds have been dating for nearly a decade and are raising five kids together.

Sightings

LEONARD Lauder's widow, **Judy Glickman**, at her curated photography show at the Southampton Arts Center . . . DIVORCE lawyer **Harriet Newman Cohen** launching her book "Passion and Power" at the East Hampton Library Authors Night. **Jay McInerney**, **Neil deGrasse Tyson** and **Don Lemon** were also spotted.

Benevolent King

IT pays to be on **Gayle King**'s team. The "CBS Mornings" anchor and "Oprah Daily" editor-at-large gifted staff at both jobs Powerball tickets on Monday. King (above) told them if they hit the billion-dollar jackpot, "the only thing I ask is that you take me out to dinner in the tristate area." King said that it doesn't have to be a destination dinner. "We don't even have to get on a plane. I want a restaurant that doesn't have a sneeze guard or a menu in plastic. I want fine dining, tablecloths and appropriate cutlery. That's all I ask," she told a staffer in a video she shared on Instagram. King added she'll likely also keep a ticket for herself, but "if I win, no one will be happy," she confessed while handing out the tickets.

Resto turns 40, honors staff

LOYALTY seems to be the key ingredient keeping downtown staple Indochine operating for over 40 years. The forever cool Lafayette Street hot spot, known for hosting fashionable clientele that includes **Anna Wintour**, **Grace Jones**, **Christy Turlington** and **Victoria Beckham**, closed its doors to customers Sunday to host a five-hour bash for past and present staffers, as a thank-you for keeping the doors open for four decades. Burlesque, Chinese dragon performers and vogue dancers entertained the crowd that included servers from the '80s to 2026, we're told. Owner **Jean-Marc Houmard**, who started as a busboy there in 1986, told us they felt the need to honor the staff because "at the end of the day, they're the ones who make Indochine special . . . they've carried the torch for decades." He added, "It was touching to see three generations of people, and the ladies, who are now in their 60s, occupying the booth and then mixing with the younger staff. It means a lot that they consider it special in their life." The bash concluded with the Muses spinning classic disco tracks until 1 a.m., we're told.

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The inspiration and strategic genius of Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, George Washington. Forget **de Blasio**. OK, so even if we overlook **Joe** and **Jill** chugging up **Biden** hill — we're *not!* talking battery-operated types. Also note not even that oy! — Charlie McCarthy of Washington — Adam BullSchiff.

These weren't computer generated. Our nation's character, love of freedom and values we cherish (put aside the price of milk and rent increases) are built on the foundation of our Constitution, the challenges we overcame, the victories we have achieved. That isn't artificial — that's the real American genius.

Meanwhile, those Hamptons are up to their batteries in itchy future wannabes. So many you don't know exactly where to plug them in. Traffic out East, particularly crappy this season, is an invasion of Dem presidential wannabes clogging the sewers.

Try Illinois Gov. **Pritzker**, Kentucky Gov. **Beshear**, Pennsylvania Gov. **Shapiro**, New Jersey's Sen. **Booker**, a half-inch of Georgia's Sen. **Ossoff**, former Ambassador **Emanuel**, the three initialled former bartender whose international know-how extends to gin fizz.

All burble about affordability while BSing in waterfront mansions and noshing free stale bagels. Maybe they could start by shrinking the price of sweatshirts at $140 apiece. How to make them cheaper is if those dudes were inside them.

WE are their batteries.

Pitt sinks teeth into yappy film

MEANWHILE, **Brad Pitt**'s career — maybe gone to the dogs, co-starring in "Heart of the Beast," he's teamed with a four-legged star. His plane crashes in Alaska's wilderness. Special Forces officer Brad is pitted against the wilderness. With him is his combat dog, **Odin**. **Angelina Jolie** mightn't watch it but it barks into theaters Sept. 25. Fetch a ticket. And when you get to your seat: Sit.

Brad Pitt has an epic wilderness adventure in "Heart of the Beast."

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Papa preaches

HERE'S another. Father and son therapists confront everything. Simple communication through correspondence evolves into heavy-duty drama into profound emotion. It's to be a play. Two-act adaptation of **Donald Cohen**'s book with his dad Max, "The Inside Ride." We're talking struggles, disagreements love, family, etc. Title: "Dear Dad." Forget taking the dog to this one.

Scene & heard

STUFF you mightn't know: **Catherine Zeta-Jones** brushes her teeth with freshly crushed strawberries. Considers them a natural whitener . . . **PIERCE Brosnan** once had it written into his contract that his food must be served at specific temperature with nothing ice cold due to his sensitive mouth . . . **SARAH Jessica Parker** paid her dues when, as the star of "Annie" on Broadway, during an overly enthusiastic floor scrubbing scene, she knocked out two teeth. They got recovered and put back successfully.

Fake ID for free jet rides

Catch him if you can.

A former flight attendant posed as a commercial pilot to score hundreds of free flights in a con similar to those by "Catch Me If You Can" crook Frank Abagnale.

Toronto-born Dallas Pokornik, 34, copped to fraud charges Thursday as he admitted to using a "fictitious" ID card to receive "travel benefits, including airline tickets that are reserved for pilots" between January 2020 and October 2024, according to his plea agreement seen by CBC.

Pokornik, a former flight attendant for an unnamed Toronto-based airline between July 2017 and October 2019, enjoyed at least 200 flights with US carriers, CP24 reported.

His scheme wasn't too dissimilar to that of Abagnale, who posed as Pan Am pilot when he was 16 and forged a license to score free flights. He was played by Leonardo DiCaprio in the 2002 Steven Spielberg film based on Abagnale's 1980 autobiography, "Catch Me If You Can."

Pokornik was busted when a staffer of a US carrier "took a picture of the forged badge" and sent the image to his ex-employer.

Pokornik was arrested in Panama after being indicted on Oct. 2 last year on wire fraud charges.

He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted, prosecutors said.

Chris Bradford

You do you, 'Stew'

Kristen Stewart is looking fierce and strutting through Midtown — if she can find her way out of what appears to be a parking garage, anyway — while promoting this week's release of her new stoner buddy flick "The Wrong Girls."

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RENT IS TOO DAMN *INSANE!*

$6,655 Manhattan avg.

By MARY K. JACOB

Manhattan renters, brace yourselves.

The average price tag for a place to live just hit a jaw-dropping $6,655 a month, an all-time high, according to fresh data from Corcoran Sunshine Marketing Group.

That's a brutal 10% jump from a year ago, and real estate pros are pointing straight at Mayor Mamdani's incoming rent freeze on stabilized units as one of the culprits, along with a looming pied-à-terre tax that brokers say is only going to squeeze the market harder. The pain is compounded by a record-low number of vacant apartments across the city, leaving desperate renters with almost nowhere to turn.

The median rent, meanwhile, sits at $5,295, up 6% from July 2025, though it held flat month over month after climbing 3% in both June and July from May's previous record of $5,125.

Apartments of every size are getting hit, with average prices up double digits for two- and three-bedrooms. Studios now average $4,088 (up 8%), one-bedrooms are at $5,486 (up 7%), two-bedrooms have soared to $8,054 (up 13%) and three-bedrooms are averaging a staggering $12,228 (up 12%), all year over year. Studios, one-bedrooms and two-bedrooms have all hit all-time highs.

New York's rental vacancy rate has cratered to just 1.49%, the tightest it's been since 1968, and down from 1.57% previously. Experts consider anything under 5% a landlord's market. This is far worse than that.

Separately, state registration data self-reported by landlords shows about 57,000 rent-stabilized apartments sat empty citywide in 2025, roughly 5.6% of the regulated stock and up from 3.7% a decade earlier. Tenant advocates argue landlords are warehousing units rather than renting them at capped rates, while owners say the 2019 rent laws make renovating and re-renting those apartments financially unworkable.

Gary Malin, chief operating officer of The Corcoran Group, points the finger squarely at Albany and City Hall.

'Misguided legislation'

"Misguided New York City and state legislation, like 'good cause' eviction, the FARE [Fairness in Apartment Rental Expenses] Act [that shifts broker fees onto landlords] and the 2019 rent laws have in large part created this perfect storm for sky-high rents," Malin told The Post.

"These laws have curtailed the supply of rental housing. This has caused demand to build up to a boiling point and pricing for available apartments to reach all-time highs. Legislators seem to care more about optics versus the actual impact of their policies. Their initiatives may be well-intentioned, but there's been severe unintended consequences."

'Bird strike' grounds flight

An American Airlines plane was forced to make an emergency landing in South Carolina after flames were seen shooting from the engine when the aircraft reportedly struck a bird.

Dramatic video, filmed by passenger Patrick Gotwalt, shows flames streaming from beneath the left wing moments after the Boeing 737 took off from Myrtle Beach on Monday and flew over the water. Several loud popping noises were heard before orange flashes were seen coming from the wing, a witness told CNN. American flight 1760 was making the trip to Charlotte, NC, with 172 passengers and nine crew on board.

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Suit: Doc spread his seed

A mother got a shocking surprise when a DNA test revealed her son had nine half-siblings, all of whom were genetically connected to her former gynecologist.

Mary Ellen Lukezich sought fertility treatments from Dr. Frederick Dettmann in the early 1980s with her late husband, Thomas Laedtke, after the couple had trouble conceiving a child of their own, ultimately deciding to undergo artificial insemination.

Lukezich recalled Dettmann suggested using a medical student's donated sperm, owing to the fact that he lived out of state and matched her and her husband's appearance, according to NBC News.

"I was young," said Lukezich, who is suing the doc. "I so wanted to be a mom that I was going to do anything, and I did whatever he asked me to do."

She became pregnant and gave birth to her only son, Joe Laedtke, now 43, who took an Ancestry DNA test in December 2024 out of curiosity — only to find the disturbing and unexpected results.

"I got an email from Ancestry, which is the company that I ordered the DNA test from, that I had a half-sister," Laedtke said.

Chris Nesi

What are the odds?!

A North Carolina man defied the odds and hit the lottery for the second time in two years — securing a hefty jackpot which he plans to channel into community philanthropy.

Cristien Breton, of Salisbury, won a $100,000 prize on a scratch-off ticket he bought last week, after he claimed a $2 million jackpot in 2024.

The lucky gambler said he is now committing the funds to helping underprivileged children as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

"I could not believe it happened again," Breton told WCNC. *Daniel Cody*

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Secret 1850s home in NYC

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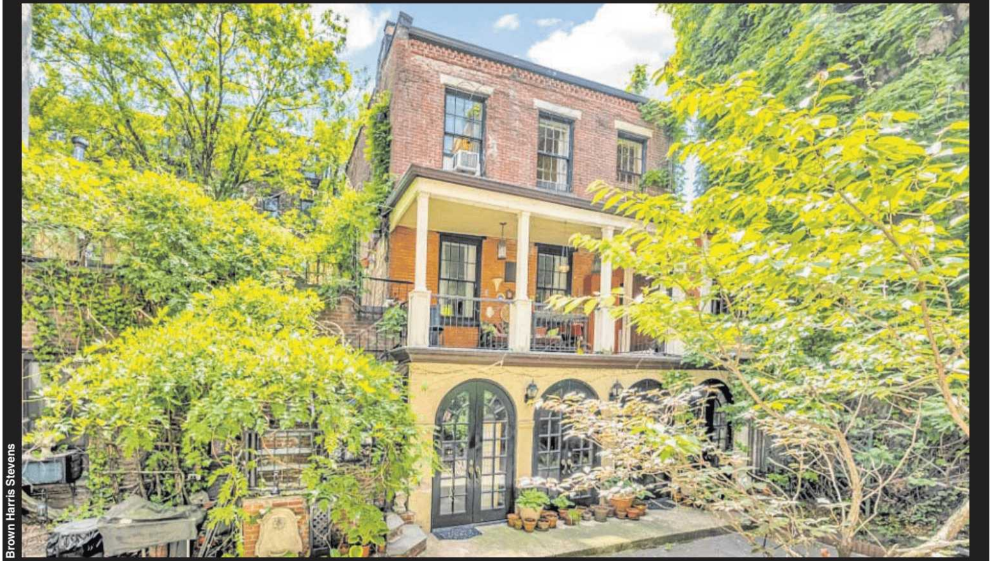

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HIDDEN GEM: This Gilded Age carriage house (above and top), behind a secret gate near Times Square, is on sale for $2.5 million.

A GILDY PLEASURE

By MARY K. JACOB

Hidden behind a gate on a bustling block near Times Square sits a secluded Gilded Age carriage house that could be yours for $2.5 million.

The freestanding carriage house at 420-422 W. 46th St. is tucked inside Clinton Court, a private courtyard reached through a narrow gated passage off the street, just steps from the nonstop hustle of the Theater District.

The 1,500-square-foot home has three bedrooms and three bathrooms across the second and third floors, plus an auxiliary studio with its own office, bedroom and bathroom, two wood-burning fireplaces and stained-glass details throughout.

Built for horses

The structure dates back to the 1850s, when it housed horses hauling milk deliveries around the neighborhood between shifts. Granite steps lead from the courtyard up to a private roof terrace built above the old stables.

The building later became an art studio for the Menconi Brothers, the sculptors behind the giant flagpole bases outside the New York Public Library.

A 1937 New York Times piece on the courtyard, cited by historian Tom Miller, described the scene as almost too picturesque, like a stage version of Montmartre. Over the decades the courtyard has drawn artists, actors and playwrights, including actress Elizabeth Ashley and playwright Neil Simon.

Listing broker Paul Devlin of Brown Harris Stevens walked buyers through the hideaway in a TikTok tour that drew 410,000 views. He noted that the courtyard in front of the house is "where the original fight scene of West Side Story was filmed in the 1960s."

The carriage house belongs to an 18-unit cooperative, with monthly fees running around $4,000, and commenters on Devlin's TikTok have plenty to say about it.

One commenter griped "the $4400/month HOA and $900/month co-op fees are insane" and another noted that buying in means "you're not really buying a house you're kind of signing up to be a historical steward that gets to live where he works."

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SKY-HIRING SURGE

FAA air-traffic bonanza by targeting gamers

By JARED DOWNING

The Federal Aviation Administration just beat the high score.

The agency hired more than 2,000 air traffic controllers this year after a campaign targeting gamers — and has already hit 94% of its recruitment goal, Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy announced.

The impressive hiring spree came after the FAA urged gamers to put their skills at "speedrunning" to good use keeping America's skies safe.

"We're building the strongest, sharpest workforce in aviation history," Duffy (inset) wrote in a Facebook post celebrating the new batch of gamers-turned-public servants.

Jim LoScalzo / Pool via CNP / SplashNews.com

'Training for this'

Hardcore gamers have "demonstrated high cognitive functions," like multitasking, spatial awareness and problem-solving skills, the FAA said when it launched the campaign in April.

"You've been training for this," a promo video declared.

The FAA has struggled to fully staff traffic control towers since pandemic-era mass layoffs — with the shortage coinciding with high rates of accidents and near-misses on airport runaways.

In March, an Air Canada flight crashed into a fire truck on the runway at LaGuardia Airport in the Big Apple, killing the jet's two pilots.

Investigators are probing whether an air traffic controller briefly stepped away to answer an emergency phone call just before the deadly collision.

'Attentional control'

In another incident, one air traffic controller had been doing the job of two people when an American Airlines plane collided with an Army Black Hawk helicopter last year, according to FAA documents obtained by The New York Times.

Meanwhile, research shows that skills on virtual battlefields may really translate to keeping the skies safe. A 2006 study suggested gamers were better at tracking multiple objects at once, and a 2024 study backed those findings and also found they had better "attentional control."

The FAA said more than 200 million Americans regularly play video games, which make more money than the film and music industries combined, according to PwC.

"With only about 25 percent of controllers holding a traditional college degree, this effort is focused on reaching talented young people pursuing alternative career paths," the FAA wrote.

The current most-played games include military shooter Counter-Strike 2, real-time strategy game League of Legends and Grand Theft Auto.

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Wednesday

Today: Less humid with clouds and sun. High 81 to 87.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 68 to 74.

Thursday

Tomorrow: A t-storm in the area, mainly later. High 83 to 89.

Tomorrow night: Some clouds. Low 68 to 74.

Friday

Sun and clouds. High 82 to 88.

Evening Clear. Low 62 to 68.

Saturday

Mostly sunny. High 78 to 84.

Evening Mainly clear. Low 63 to 69.

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YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature
High: 85, Low: 72, Mean: 79

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +2 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 3.24",
Year: 25.95", Normal year to date: 30.02"

Cooling Degree days yesterday 14
Total for the month (normal) 154 (133)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 914 (834)
Last year to date 896
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 84
UV index (for Wed.) .... 8 (Very High)
Humidity (at noon) 64%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: Low Predominant pollen: Weeds, Grasses
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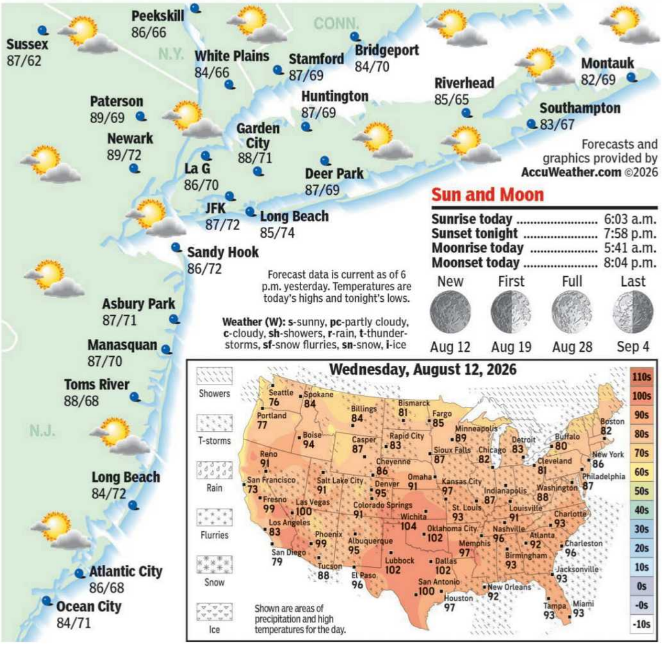
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Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

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Forecast data is current as of 6 p.m. yesterday. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Weather (W): s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today .... 6:03 a.m.
Sunset tonight .... 7:58 p.m.
Moonrise today .... 5:41 a.m.
Moonset today .... 8:04 p.m.

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	8:02a	8:19p	8:52a	9:07p
Fire Island	7:58a	8:31p	8:50a	9:17p
Hempstead	11:58a	---	12:14a	12:45p
Huntington	11:45a	---	12:03a	12:34p
Jones Inlet	7:46a	8:03p	8:36a	8:51p
Montauk Point	8:59a	9:29p	9:51a	10:16p
Port Washington	12:06p	---	12:23a	12:54p
Sandy Hook	8:06a	8:23p	8:56a	9:11p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	83/62/pc	83/63/t
Danbury	84/63/pc	85/62/t
Glens Falls	79/58/sh	80/58/t
Gr Barrington	82/61/pc	81/59/t
Kingston	85/64/pc	87/61/t
Liberty	82/60/pc	80/59/t
Monticello	81/60/pc	79/57/t
Newburgh	86/66/pc	88/62/t
Poughkeepsie	84/63/pc	86/62/t
Saratoga Springs	81/60/sh	82/61/t
Stroudsburg	87/62/pc	87/62/t
Torrington	84/63/pc	85/62/t
Syracuse	82/62/sh	82/61/t

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	96/79/s	92/76/s
Baghdad	120/91/s	121/90/s
Beijing	78/73/r	84/70/sh
Berlin	77/55/s	83/58/s
Cairo	104/79/pc	99/79/pc
Dublin	81/61/pc	78/60/sh
Geneva	91/64/s	93/64/s
Hong Kong	96/85/t	93/82/t
Jerusalem	90/72/s	88/72/s
Kabul	92/70/pc	93/70/pc
London	91/65/s	97/67/s
Madrid	101/75/s	103/73/pc
Mexico City	77/55/r	77/57/r
Montreal	77/62/t	75/59/t
Moscow	64/50/sh	59/46/r
Paris	96/70/s	100/73/s
Rio de Janeiro	74/67/c	79/70/s
Rome	95/74/c	96/72/s
Sydney	68/51/s	68/48/s
Tokyo	81/73/t	83/73/sh

LINDSAY CLANCY
“Docs failed to diagnose.”

‘Slay’ ma ‘possibly bipolar’

A nurse practitioner who treated a “manic” Lindsay Clancy told a Massachusetts jury Tuesday she suspected the struggling mom had bipolar disorder — but never diagnosed her with it.

On her “worst day,” Clancy told her then-husband, Patrick Clancy, and the NP that she had “persistent and intrusive thoughts of suicide” just one month before strangling their three young children in January 2023.

Clancy, 35, and her ex-husband have separately sued doctors and hospitals that treated her, claiming they “overmedicated” the anxious mother, and failed to diagnose Clancy with bipolar disorder and postpartum psychosis — which the accused murderer says led her to kill Cora, 5, Dawson, 3, and Callan, 8 months, in the basement of the family’s Duxbury, Mass. home.

The former labor and delivery nurse is charged with three counts of first-degree murder. *Priscilla DeGregory*

North Korea ‘goes ballistic’

North Korea fired a ballistic missile on Wednesday toward the sea off the Korean Peninsula’s east coast, South Korea’s military said.

The missile appeared to have landed outside Japan’s exclusive economic zone in the sea, NHK reported.

North Korea fired the missile from the Wonsan area at around 6 a.m. on Tuesday, South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

South Korea’s military had stepped up surveillance and was maintaining readiness for possible additional launches, it said. *Reuters*

$ports clubbed

Travel ball hits wallets

MISSING OUT: Caitlin Murray barely sees her husband during the lacrosse season.

Olga Ginzburg

By ALYSON KRUEGER

Parents across America are crying foul over the exorbitant fees and growing demands of organized youth sports — especially club and travel teams that can cost as much as $10,000 a year.

“I was an All-American, national championship winner, captain of my team,” said Caitlin Murray, a content creator and mom-of-three who played varsity lacrosse at Middlebury College. “I have never experienced the level of insanity of what sports has become for kids today.”

Growing up, she mastered her sport through summer leagues and sports camps. Now, she said, the only option for kids after second or third grade is to join expensive club teams, which travel to tournaments two or three weekends a month during the season — which can last half a year or more.

Time is money

“It’s expensive as s--t,” said Murray, whose kids — ages 7, 10 and 12 — focus on lacrosse but are also on soccer, flag football, swim and ski teams. “It costs thousands of dollars to be on a team, and then it costs thousands of dollars to attend these tournaments.”

Then there’s the time commitment, which typically requires Murray and her husband, who live in Westchester, to divide and conquer.

“Every weekend [he] will have to go with my son, or I’ll go with my daughter, and vice versa,” she said. “I don’t see him during lacrosse season.”

Even Kerri Walsh Jennings — a three-time Olympic gold medalist in volleyball who now has her own tournament, Hero Volley — thinks it’s gone too far.

“When I was growing up, sports had seasons,” said Walsh Jennings, who lives in Nevada and has three teen children who all play club volleyball. “Today, many young athletes compete year-round.”

“Only 2% of kids who were playing organized soccer in America came from households that made less than $50,000,” onetime United States Men’s National Team captain Landon Donovan said in an interview. “Think about how many kids you’re missing out on, in this country, because they can’t afford to play the game.”

Newberry, Mass., mom Megan Sherr says her family spends in the five digits annually on youth sports.

Her four kids all play club hockey — at a seasonal cost of $3,000 apiece — plus two also play club lacrosse.

Additionally, private coaching sessions run as much as $150 each — plus equipment and travel costs.

“I just heard about a family this weekend who had to take on a second job to pay for it,” she said. “I think there are just a lot of families who make the sacrifice.”

“This is your vacation fund, your new car, your new house, your college savings,” said Courtney Altamirano, who has a 13-year-old daughter playing club volleyball in Phoenix, Ariz., at a place that charges $10,000 a year.

‘It adds up’

One particularly shocking cost of kids’ sports, she said, is being charged $20 to $50 per family member to watch her daughter play in tournaments — on top of paying for her to play.

“It adds up,” Altamirano said. “We had friends who dressed up their son in a sibling’s basketball uniform so they could send him through the door without paying, because he was just going to sit on his iPad in a corner.”

My daughter “can’t even sit out a practice if she’s tired, because they’ll bench her.”

DIG: Olympic volleyball gold medalist Kerri Walsh Jennings (center) remembered when each sport was relegated to a season.

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‘Time bomb’ sibs slay

Two Texas brothers died within 12 hours of each other after being gunned down while backing up their car, allegedly by their neighbor — who was called a “ticking time bomb” by cops.

Dravyn Quiroz, 20, and his 11-year-old brother, Maliki Perales, died last Tuesday after being caught up in the seemingly random attack in a San Antonio, Texas, neighborhood, NBC affiliate WOAI reported.

Daniel Antonio Perez, 40, allegedly started firing at the brothers after one of them spotted a man staring. There had been no previous history of disputes between the group, police said.

“I hear pops, my wife starts screaming,” the brothers’ dad Andrew Perales told KSAT. “I got my gun, came down.”

The alleged gunman tried to flee after the shooting but was arrested around 10 minutes later.

“It’s an extremely unfortunate situation for the family that just simply fell victim to this guy,” Javier Salazar, the Bexar County Sheriff, said.

“Unbeknownst to them, they had what I would believe and categorize as a ticking time bomb right across the street from them.” *Chris Bradford*

Etna ash halts flts.

An ash cloud from Sicily’s Mount Etna volcano drifted over Malta on Tuesday, forcing airlines to cancel some flights to the Mediterranean island at the height of the tourism season.

“We’re currently experiencing flight disruptions due to volcanic ash clouds over the Maltese Islands following recent activity at Mount Etna,” Malta International Airport said in a Facebook message.

A spokesperson said 19 flights were canceled by mid-afternoon Tuesday and other flights were significantly delayed to Malta, some 140 miles south of Mount Etna. *Reuters*

Gal bares ‘cadaver fat’ shot nightmare

By ASIA GRACE

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TRENDY BOOB JOB A BUST!

The thought of pumping her breasts full of a dead person’s fat didn’t scare off Nicole.

Neither did the $10,000 cost of AlloClae, a trendy non-surgical route to breast enhancement that uses “ethically sourced” cadaver filler.

The slight, 40-something Californian, who spoke to The Post on the condition that her privacy be protected, was eager for the fast, knife-free silhouette of her dreams, she said.

She’d previously spent almost $20,000 on two unsuccessful fat-grafting procedures, transferring what little chub she had into her barely there bust, hoping to go up one cup size.

Instead, she got breasts full of rock-like, inoperable bumps and oil cysts, causing her chest to feel like “the surface of the moon.”

“I lay down in bed each night and touch the lumps, the pebbles,” said Nicole of the off-the-shelf fat that’s turned her life into a nightmare.

Nicole isn’t alone in regretting the trendy treatment. AlloClae, billed as the first use of structural adipose tissue from dead donors for aesthetic body procedures, is at the heart of a legal dispute between the New York State Department of Health and its manufacturer, medical technology imprint, Tiger Aesthetics.

NYS court battle

The company recently sued the DOH, alleging the “unlawful and arbitrary” denial of distribution licenses. Firing back, the DOH, which regulates all tissue use across the state, accused Tiger Aesthetics of “smuggling” AlloClae into New York via unsavory means, per court documents. The case is ongoing.

Nicole’s experience with the injectable is entirely unrelated to the lawsuit. But she favors further scrutiny of the shot that’s likely left her permanently damaged.

“When I first saw a plastic surgeon’s Instagram post about AlloClae, it sounded like a miracle,” she said. “Now, I regret ever getting it.”

A chorus of remorse is growing online.

“Money not well spent,” one anonymous social media user warned.

“For me, [it wasn’t] worth the money or trouble,” groaned another, claiming she’s developed recurring cysts in both breasts after paying roughly $14,000 for AlloClae. “It was a complete and utter bust (pun intended).”

When asked about the complaints, a Tiger Aesthetics spokesman confirmed to The Post that the product is not “risk-free.”

“There are risks associated with any procedure or treatment, including autologous fat transfer, and AlloClae should not be considered risk-free simply because it is allogeneic,” said the representative.

Nicole’s woes began when she bought three boxes of AlloClae from her plastic surgeon, whose name she asked to withhold, in November.

Nicole was ready to transform her chest in 30 minutes or less. But she wasn’t prepared for the agony she endured during the minimally invasive procedure.

“It was excruciatingly painful and disorienting. I felt like fainting,” she recalled, even with a numbing agent in each nipple. “Afterwards my breasts were swollen and lumpy. I figured they’d eventually [heal].”

But by February, the West Coaster’s hopes of sporting sexier bras and swimsuits this summer were dashed.

“Once the swelling went down, the little volume I’d gained . . . went away,” she said. “I had huge oil cysts and fat necrosis lumps forming in my chest.”

Her healthcare providers didn’t know how to help.

Dr. Tommaso Addona, MD, FACS, a board-certified plastic surgeon and the president of New York Plastic Surgical Group, told The Post fat necrosis, or the death of fatty tissue, can occur when there’s insufficient blood flow to the area where the new fat — be it a patient’s own supply or donor-derived — is being introduced.

‘End run’ crackdown

“There’s [often] not enough vascularity to create healthy fat within this adipose matrix, which is almost like a scaffold outside of a building,” said Addona, an admitted AlloClae skeptic.

The New York State Department of Health, meanwhile, is trying to curb more enthusiastic plastic surgeons and medical spas from rushing to fill demand for the product.

Joseph Giovannetti, a Health Department investigator, filed docs in June, accusing Tiger of masterminding “a scheme to circumvent DOH’s prohibition against distributing AlloClae” by shipping it to residences and a business in Connecticut and New Jersey before it’s “smuggled” into New York.

The filings included purchase invoices between Tiger and Dr. Adam Schaffner, a triple-board certified plastic surgeon on Fifth Avenue. The paperwork, according to the suit, indicated shipments to his employees in Marlborough, Conn., and Tinton Falls, NJ.

Representatives for Schaffner told The Post, “Dr. Adam Schaffner and the Plastic Surgery Institute of New York are complying with published New York State Department of Health guidance regarding Tissue Transplantation Facilities,” adding a copy of the DOH’s guidance for licensure.

“As this is an ongoing matter, we are not permitted to provide any further comment on this matter at this time,” said the rep.

The case’s outcome, specific to New York, won’t immediately impact users like Nicole in other states. But she hopes it prompts more “research and regulatory scrutiny.”

“I’ll never be 100% lump-free,” she said, saying she’s been told removing her cysts and lumps would leave her chest riddled with dents. “They may shrink or soften, but they’re here for life.”

She's in our home!

Obtained by NY Post

WHO'S THAT? An unidentified woman (far left) who lied her way into a Queens apartment is spotted in home-security video by rightful residents Bill and Yelim Kim (above) on vacation.

Qns. couple spots squatter on security vid while on vacation

By ALEX OLIVEIRA

A "traumatized" Queens couple discovered that a stranger was lounging in their apartment while they were on vacation — thanks, they claim, to the luxury building's doorman who handed the intruder the keys.

Bill and Yelim Kim were away from their posh Purves Street apartment in Long Island City on July 24 when they got a ping from their home-security system informing them there was somebody in their home.

When they looked at the camera's live feed, what they saw was horrifying — a woman traipsing about their apartment, helping herself to a drink and chilling out on their couch.

"I was in disbelief. I just could not believe what I was seeing," Bill told FOX 5. "We can't help or wonder, what would she have done if we didn't catch her on camera?"

Posed as dog walker

But then their stomachs dropped further — the woman found the camera watching her and ripped it off the bookshelf where it stood, terrifying footage obtained by FOX showed.

"If we didn't have a security camera set up, would she have just stayed?" an incredulous Bill said. "This was almost 11 p.m. at night. Would she have slept in our bed?"

The Kims quickly notified a neighbor who ran over to their apartment and pounded on the door until the woman came out.

When the intruder finally opened the door, she answered with a simple "Sorry" and fled.

She was gone by the time police arrived.

Building management later supposedly said in an email to tenants that the woman posed as a dog walker for the Kims and was let up to the apartment by a doorman, according to the outlet. That doorman was removed from the property and security measures are being enhanced, the report said.

Those measures apparently worked, as the woman even reappeared two days after the initial incident and tried to get in but was turned away.

She has not been identified or charged with anything, but the NYPD is investigating the case as a burglary.

Despite the response, the Kims are not feeling much reassurance.

"I'm freaking traumatized. I don't know how else to, you know, describe it," said Yelim. "We were like, panicked."

Oysters eyed in Marine brain damage

A Marine Corps veteran and retired Illinois firefighter has been hospitalized for more than a year with permanent brain injuries allegedly caused by eating raw oysters.

Joe Belgio, 44, allegedly went into cardiac arrest, fell into a months-long coma and suffered brain damage after eating contaminated oysters at Gibsons Steakhouse & Bar in Oak Brook on June 30, 2025, according to a lawsuit obtained by ABC 7 Chicago.

Belgio went into cardiac arrest three days after eating the oysters and "lost consciousness and oxygen for at least eight minutes," lawyer Scott O'Sullivan told the outlet. The suit alleges he contracted two dangerous bacteria from the oysters — Enteropathogenic *E. coli* and *Plesiomonas shigelloides*, CBS News reported.

"He is most likely bedridden for the rest of his life," O'Sullivan said. "He is extremely brain damaged, with very little cognitive capacity, and will need care for the rest of his life."

Gibsons released a statement saying "there have been no other reported cases of illness." *Richard Pollina*

Firework standoff with perv

A New Hampshire sex offender went berserk when police tried to arrest him on outstanding warrants — blasting fireworks at officers in an explosive standoff.

Rory Robertson, 46, went postal when cops tried to pull him over around 6 a.m. Monday after he left his Durham home, police said.

Instead of stopping, the registered sex offender took off and then barricaded himself inside a house, the Durham Police Department said.

Robertson soon began to aim and shoot fireworks at officers and a patrol car outside the house, police said.

The pervert allegedly lobbed a plethora of pyrotechnics at officers, including one "large shell style firework" that nearly struck a cop, before it exploded underneath a police cruiser.

Police issued a shelter-in-place request for neighbors.

Robertson came out of the barricaded house a little after 8 a.m., and rushed cops, before he was subdued with non-lethal PepperBall rounds, police said.

No officers were injured.

Robertson — who was wanted for alleged offenses that included bail violations and theft — was hit with charges including reckless conduct with a deadly weapon and criminal threatening, police said.

He was convicted in 2009 for a felony sexual assault.

David DeTurris

Little gravity to Earth talk

Viral conspiracy theories that Earth's gravity will briefly vanish Wednesday — purportedly causing a cataclysm the government is hiding — are untrue, NASA assured humanity.

"Earth's gravity, or total gravitational force, is determined by its mass," NASA told Snopes.

"The only way for the Earth to lose gravity would be for the Earth system, the combined mass of its core, mantle, crust, ocean, terrestrial water, and atmosphere, to lose mass," NASA added.

Alex Oliveira

Lightning, camera, action

A golfer in Ohio is lucky to be alive after he unknowingly recorded the moment he was struck by lightning on Friday.

Chris Schiavone was golfing with his pals at the Pebble Creek Golf Course near Cincinnati when a thunderstorm rolled through the region and caused the group's golf cart to get stuck in the muddy conditions, USA Today reported.

Schiavone had pulled out his phone to film his buddies struggling to free the bogged buggy — but he ended up with footage (inset) of a lightning bolt hitting his arm and knocking him to the ground.

A sudden fiery flash can be seen immediately after Schiavone was struck.

Schiavone said he temporarily lost feeling throughout his body and his hearing was impacted.

The golfer sustained non-life-threatening injuries and is currently recovering, according to USA Today.

"1 in 1,000,000 they say," Schiavone wrote in his Instagram post of the video, adding that he is "very lucky and blessed" to be alive and that lightning "is no joke!"

Ella Morrison

Anne's baby bump steals the show!

Anne Hathaway is still materning heads on the red carpet Sunday at "The End of Oak Street" premiere in Los Angeles. The 43-year-old star dazzled in a red-lined, belly-baring Prabal Gurung high-low top (cropped in the front, floor-length in the back), with low-rise jeans, a red lip, matching heels and a ponytail.

Getty Images

JERSEY DOESN'T STINK!

No. 2 place to live

By LAUREN ELKIES SCHRAM

New Jersey is no longer the "armpit of the nation."

In fact, the Garden State ranks No. 2 among the best states to live in the US, driven by strong scores in safety, healthcare and education, according to a new WalletHub study.

The state boasts the lowest crime rate in the country and ranks high in quality of life, health and education. It also has some of the highest-performing public school districts.

Despite its notoriously high property taxes and cost of living, New Jersey's high median wages, top-tier healthcare and proximity to major economic hubs like New York City and Philadelphia make it a draw, according to WalletHub's evaluation of all 50 states across 51 key metrics.

Bad rap

Broker Lisa Poggi, who leads Douglas Elliman's New Jersey division, told The Post the state earned its bad reputation from the two-hour drive along the I-95/Turnpike corridor past Newark Airport, industrial docks, ports and oil refineries.

"Nothing looks scenic from that vantage point," she told The Post. "But you go 40 minutes west of the Turnpike, and don't forget — it is called the Garden State for a reason."

New Jersey offers a rare geographic sweet spot, Poggi said, where residents don't have to choose between the beach, the mountains or Broadway theater — they can hit all three in a single weekend while retaining "a lot more elbow room" than in New York City.

Idaho is No. 1

New Jersey, with its total score of 59.41 out of 100, is bested only by Idaho, which notched the top spot with a score of 60.15.

The Gem State claims a low median real estate tax rate, the eighth-highest homeownership rate and the country's highest median income growth. It is also the third-safest state in the nation, behind Wyoming, laying claim to the lowest property crime rate.

Rounding out the top five best states are Wisconsin, with a score of 59.32, thanks to its affordable housing market; Massachusetts, securing 59.28 with some of the country's lowest homeownership rates; and New Hampshire at 58.89, which is regarded well in economy, education, health and safety. New York ranked No. 12.

At the other end of the spectrum, New Mexico came in dead last with a 41.42 score. It rates as the most unsafe state in the country and holds some of the lowest scores for education and healthcare, per WalletHub.

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Putin frees jailed Marine

President Trump said Tuesday that Russian President Vladimir Putin pardoned a US Marine Corps veteran jailed since 2022 without a broader prisoner swap — and that the newly freed Robert Gilman will get a "GREAT cheeseburger" when he lands in the US.

Gilman (inset) was serving a 4.5-year prison sentence for allegedly drunkenly kicking a police officer.

His family said he was ill and did not mean to kick the cop.

"After my discussions with President Vladimir Putin, Russia has agreed to release him, very much on a Humanitarian Basis," Trump posted on Truth Social along with a photo of Gilman on his flight home.

"We appreciate this decision, and the fact that Russia asked for no one in return — No exchange took place. Robert will land at Andrews Air Force Base, in Washington, DC, tonight, where my Representatives, some of whom are on the plane with him, will welcome Robert back to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!"

Trump added: "I just spoke to him, and he had one request — A GREAT cheeseburger when he lands. I will take care of that! During my Administration, we have prioritized bringing home Americans Detained Abroad, and have done so at a level never seen before."

Steven Nelson

Vlad chidings

Zel: Russia needs NoKo aid

By RONNY REYES

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky mocked Russia for getting so desperate that it is now relying more and more on North Korea after Pyongyang missiles were allegedly used on Tuesday in an attack that killed 10 people.

Moscow fired the North Korean-supplied ballistic missiles overnight in Zaporizhzhia and Dnipropetrovsk, with a 15-year-old boy listed among the dead and at least 24 others wounded, regional officials said.

As Russia is set to receive more ballistic missiles and troops from North Korea, Zelensky said it was evident that Moscow was running low on weapons and manpower and now needs outside aid to fuel its invasion.

"For the first time in its history, Russia cannot wage war without reinforcements from North Korea," Zelensky said in his latest address.

"Every step Russia takes — increasing ballistic missile production, bringing in North Korean equipment, preparing for mobilization — all of this shows that Moscow is preparing not for peace, but for escalation," he added.

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has long been providing aid to Moscow after he signed a strategic partnership agreement with Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2024.

About 14,000 Pyongyang soldiers were deployed to retake Russian land in 2024 after Putin was left humiliated by a surprise counter-invasion, with the two countries' relationship only growing stronger since.

Just days before Tuesday's airstrikes, Ukraine's military intelligence agency put out an alert that a North Korean missile unit was deployed to Russia and believed to be carrying 120 ballistic missiles and six launchers.

Russia has been relying heavily on its ballistic missile strikes to try to overwhelm Ukraine's defenses in ever-escalating attacks.

Ukraine is currently experiencing a shortage of US-made Patriot interceptors, which serve as Kyiv's sole air defense weapon capable of downing ballistic missiles.

Russia has allegedly deployed the North Korean unit in the western Voronezh region, said Andrii Cherniak of Ukraine's Main Directorate of Intelligence.

The deployment is said to be part of Russia's buildup for a massive winter assault aimed at inflicting major damage on Ukraine's infrastructure and minimizing its latest victories. *With Wires*

Tuber's death 'afterlife'

A Mormon YouTuber was killed in a car crash in Utah at the age of 27 — hours after sharing a clip where he spoke about the afterlife.

Chandler David Hendry — a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — smashed into two cars after running a red light in Lehi on Friday, KUTV reported.

Hendry was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. He was killed just weeks before his second wedding anniversary, Deseret News reported.

Hendry, who had over 70,000 followers on social media, was the founder of the Restored Truth podcast — a nod to the idea that God reestablished the gospel of Jesus after teachings had become corrupt.

He often ended his videos with "The Restored Truth is that God has never stopped reaching out to humanity. He continues to reveal, guide and pursue a relationship with us today." *Chris Bradford*

Sally Brompton Daily Horoscope

♌ LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)
You are on top of the world and seriously thinking about making a leap for the stars. Today's solar eclipse in your sign energizes you to such an extent that you really believe you can leap tall buildings at a single bound. Believe it, but don't do it!

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Life may be tough at times, but there are always ways you can make things easier for yourself. One such way will occur to you today, and the moment it does, you must make full use of it. Listen to, and act on, what your inner voice tells you.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
The best way to get ahead in the world is to join with people whose aims and ambitions are very close to your own. Life is not and never will be a zero sum game — one person does not have to lose so another person can win.

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♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You are about to be put to the test, and that's good because you feel you have a lot to prove. A solar eclipse in the career area of your chart will inspire you to aim higher than ever before, and from there you will keep heading skyward!

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
If something you thought was of huge importance no longer engages you with the same level of passion, you should take that as a sign that it's time to move on to something new. What that something is should become apparent today.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
There is a lot of emotional junk in your system, and it's holding you back from being more adventurous in the world. Today's solar eclipse will inspire you to be ruthless with yourself and let it all go. Don't be your own worst enemy.

♒ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If you need to improve a love relationship, then today's solar eclipse will show you how to strengthen the bond that exists between you. The fact is you have too much in common to even think about going your separate ways. The right way is together.

♓ PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
You may have a lot of energy at your disposal, but what are you going to do with it? The best outlet by far is to be ruthless and get rid of all the bad habits and outdated methods that have been holding you back. Start doing that today.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 20)
Set your sights high today and then make it your one and only priority to go even higher. Today's solar eclipse will give you the power to create something of lasting value, something that could see your name up in lights for a very long time.

♉ TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)
The message of the stars today is that you should stop pushing yourself so hard and allow workmates and family members to do more for you. Don't be so proud that you won't accept help from other people — because that's what friends are for.

♊ GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)
If the pace of life has been a bit slow in recent weeks, then what occurs today and tomorrow will cheer you up no end. A solar eclipse in the most sociable area of your chart will get things moving again. But will you know when to stop?

♋ CANCER
(June 22-July 23)
Mars in your sign makes it easy to believe that your life has meaning and purpose, but you also need to be aware that it's not all about you. Look for ways you can help other people today. Don't think of it as charity, think of it as fun.

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY

A solar eclipse in your sign on your birthday will make you nigh on invincible over the coming year, while the influence of Mercury means your mind will give birth to some brilliant ideas. The word "genius" is often overused, but not in your case.

Wrong Lesson

Zoh brings Idi Amin's sick worldview to NYC

JOSHUA MESERVEY

IN 1972, an infamous event unfolded in Uganda — one that subtly reverberates in American politics today.

That's when Idi Amin, the unhinged dictator who beggared Uganda and killed an estimated 300,000 of its people in his eight-year rule, expelled around 76,000 people of Asian descent and expropriated their wealth.

One of those ousted was Mahmood Mamdani, father of Mayor Zohran Mamdani. Yet the mayor, and the Democratic Socialists of America movement he helps lead, has resisted the lessons that his family experience could have taught him about the dangers of class resentment and racial and ethnic sorting.

AFP via Getty Images

Idi idealizer: Mahmood Mamdani (l.) celebrated his son's win in 2025.

It's a profound and puzzling disconnect rooted in the radical distortions of Third-Worldism, a philosophy that's increasingly gaining purchase in the US.

Amin justified his purge of Asians by fusing class and ethnic grievance. He derided the Asians that composed most of Uganda's merchant class as outsiders and "bloodsuckers" out to ruin the local economy.

Ugandans resentful of Asians' prosperity reveled in their expulsion — at first. But Amin's action soon collapsed the economy and plunged the country into poverty.

And predictably, the racial sorting at the heart of Amin's purge didn't end with Asians. Once a government indulges the idea that race is an essential characteristic for ranking individuals, it can do so to any racial group. Amin's brutal security services later targeted tribes like the Acholi and the Lango that rivaled his own tribe, the Kakwa.

Yet even though this cautionary tale directly affected his family (his father only returned to Uganda after Amin was ousted), Mamdani has evaded its lessons. He is instead a font of class grievance who believes the wealthiest class shouldn't exist. And he eagerly sorts people based solely on their race: One of his flagship initiatives embeds race as a qualification for everything from awarding contracts to hiring.

Mahmood Mamdani's thinking seems to have rubbed off on his son. In his book "Slow Poison," Mahmood softened Amin's image by arguing that his barbarities were an act of decolonization meant to unify Uganda's disparate tribes (despite Amin's well-documented persecutions).

He also approved of Amin's alliance with Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi, who like Amin opposed the West — and expressed hostility to Uganda's current president, Yoweri Museveni, over his Western cooperation. That's a classic example of how Third-Worldism ascribes virtue or villainy to leaders based on their view of the West.

This philosophy believes the globe is divided between the oppressive developed world and the virtuous developing world — a crude moral binary that downplays virtually any atrocity in the developing world as legitimate resistance, or as irrelevant given the sins of the West. His worldview led Mahmood Mamdani to argue that Amin's brutality was both inflated by the West and "informed, guided by the British and the Israelis" — that Amin's brutality was at least partly the West's fault.

The double standard inherent to this thinking is evident around the globe. South Africa accused Israel of genocide at an international court — only for its president to later have a chummy meeting with a Sudanese warlord who is leading an honest-to-goodness genocide. Numerous African countries push for slavery reparations from the West — and *only* the West, ignoring the heinous Arab slave trade or Africans' own enthusiastic slaving — while defending China's ethnic cleansing of Uighurs.

Third-Worldism is becoming increasingly prominent here at home. Melat Kiros, a DSA-backed House candidate in Colorado, wants more immigrants from the developing world to win American elected office, saying they'll force "recognition . . . of the exploitative and extractive nature" of US actions worldwide.

"The global world order as it exists today . . . fundamentally will have to shift," she declared. Translation: Americans should elect people born overseas who wish to weaken the United States so that's no longer a global "oppressor."

Aber Kawas, a DSA New York state Senate candidate, characterized 9/11 as the fruit of America's oppressive foreign policy. New Jersey Democrat Adam Hamawy claims the United States is "propping up" genocide against Palestinians, yet he struggles to unequivocally condemn Hamas. Third-Worldists, after all, are only ever interested in the sins of the West — never of the developing world.

Mahmood Mamdani's willingness to burnish the reputation of one of Africa's most infamous dictators — even one who directly victimized him — demonstrates the radicalism and moral distortions Third-Worldism inspires. The political prominence of his son and a growing cadre of fellow travelers promises more radicalism and distortions ahead.

Joshua Meservey is a senior fellow at Hudson Institute.

THE WEEK'S BEST OF The Babylon Bee

Headlines from America's satirical news source, babylonbee.com

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mildly aggressive fury

Due To Depleted Missile Supply, 'Operation Epic Fury' Downgraded To 'Operation Mildly Aggressive Fury'

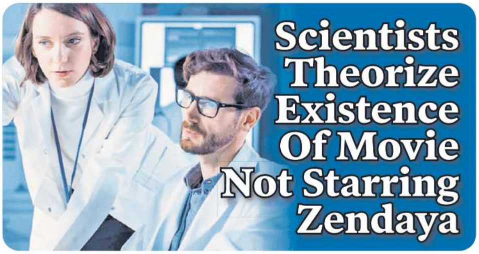
Insider reports indicated that President Donald Trump was displeased with the decrease in epicness of the fury, leading to a closed-door meeting with Hegseth to strategize future levels of fury.

Trump Solves Affordability Crisis By Opening Nation's Strategic Burrito Reserve

"You're going to have so many burritos, you'll get tired of burritos, believe me," said President Trump. "There will be queso-smothered, grande deluxe, all kinds of burritos."

Bigotry Rears Ugly Head As WNBA Refuses To Allow This Stunning, Beautiful Woman Into League

The gorgeous Enes Kanter bravely announced her new identity as she applied for the WNBA draft, only for the evil forces of hate and intolerance to rise to the fore.



Scientists Theorize Existence Of Movie Not Starring Zendaya

The study reignited debate among film historians, many of whom insisted that movies without Zendaya did once exist, though mostly in grainy archival footage from the distant era known as "2017."

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Two-Faced, Cowardly Kat

Gov. Hochul is looking to have it both ways yet again, rushing to dodge fury over the pied-à-terre tax she passed into law — *after* months of taking credit for it from tax-the-rich lefties.

Remember: She at first *boasted* about the surcharge on out-of-town property owners: "We're talking about people who are ultra-wealthy," she said — *falsely*, as the tax hits owners not just of one- to three-family homes worth $5 million and up, but also of coops and condos valued as low as $1 million.

She had vowed time and again to *not* raise taxes this year, until Zohran Mamdani's mayoral win signaled new political winds.

Now the gov's embarrassed by City Hall's rollout of her tax — the mayor's gloating videos and social-media posts, his nasty enemies list — and acting like she'd barely even heard of the tax that *her own office* designed. "We're not responsible," she pleaded Monday. "It's up to [the city's] tax department."

More butt-covering: The state will "encourage City Hall to try and streamline this." Gee, thanks, gov.

She's *still* showing the other face: Hochul believes "people who can afford a multimillion-dollar second home . . . can afford to pay their fair share," her spokesman stressed.

Is she down with Mamdani's "tax the rich" agenda or not? If she wants the credit, she has to take the blame, too. But that's not how Hochul rolls.

When her congestion-pricing plan caused an uproar, she halted it . . . until after the next election. Then she bragged about lowering the toll from $15 to $9, claiming credit for *saving* motorists 40% — even as she hit them with thousands in new yearly costs.

No wonder she's ducking debate challenges from challenger Bruce Blakeman, who'd surely call her on all this. Hochul thinks "if she avoids enough debates, New Yorkers will forget" she's the country's worst governor, charged Blakeman, citing the states' nation-leading taxes and electric bills.

She recalls her only debate against Lee Zeldin in 2022: She insisted she was "focused on public safety" — then, when he pointed to soaring crime, responded: "I don't know why that's so important to you." Zeldin came closer to winning that year than any Republican in *three decades*.

Hochul doesn't dare let Blakeman confront *either* of her two faces, lest he actually beat her in November.

Zuck's Push for Pro-Freedom AI

Mark Zuckerberg is entirely right to push for easing access to US open-source AI models — as restrictions hand even the *American* market to Chinese AIs.

The Meta CEO's larger points in the manifesto he dropped Monday also ring true: All humanity will be far better served with "balance of power as the foundation of safety" rather than pretending some central authority can guarantee AI will be good for us.

As he notes: "Historically, hoping that an absolute power will benevolently provide for humanity if sufficiently enlightened has not led to safe or positive outcomes."

And let's be clear: Sen. Bernie Sanders' demand that US firms "pause AI development" is *insane*, and completely contrary to "the interests of humanity." China won't stop, and its AIs are designed to serve the Chinese Communist Party, its tyrannical rule *and* its dominate-the-world ambitions.

This is all the more reason for the feds to heed Zuckerberg's call to loosen the regulations that now hold US labs back: The West absolutely must "lead the open source AI ecosystem that will make up a large percent of global AI use."

As it stands, a *lot* of US companies now use Chinese open-source models, because they're cheap and freely accessible: It's just insane to let Beijing beat us on our own turf.

This is not to ratify every iota of Zuckerberg's agenda. E.g., we still believe AI developers should pay to train their models on other people's intellectual property — though AI companies can certainly agree to allow "distilling" of each others' models.

Above all, his central vision is compelling: "A philosophy based on individual empowerment as the source of prosperity" is the exact opposite of the CCP's approach to everything, and the essence of the American way.

Dems' Deadly 'Sanctuary' Resistance

Here's a fresh outrage thanks to Democrats' all-out resistance to immigration enforcement: Pedro Aguilar-Alvarez, an El Salvadoran illegal migrant who'd run amok in the US for years, just got no-bailed prior to sentencing for his *fourth* DWI bust.

Yes: He was duly tried and convicted — then Judge Bryan Browns, a veteran of Legal Aid, released him before sentencing, *despite* the massive flight risk he presents.

Thug jumps the border, is shielded by "sanctuary" only to commit a new crime here as Dems *double down* on "mercy": The pattern repeats in blue state after blue state.

Sheridan Gorman was a college freshman from New York shot to death in March in Chicago by a Venezuelan "asylum seeker" shielded from deportation by Illinois sanctuary laws despite multiple prior arrests.

Gorman's parents begged Gov. Hochul to let state and local law enforcement honor ICE detainers; she instead signed a new law *forbidding* any such cooperation.

Don't forget the transgender Colombian illegal convicted of raping a 14-year-old boy in 2025, getting a mere six-month sentence the Manhattan DA's office insisted was somehow about protecting the *victim*.

Democrats making it ever-easier for criminal illegals to stay. It guarantees endless tragedies — a cost that can *never* grow too high for the open-borders brigade.

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Enough Stalling, Mr. Prez: Time To Take Iran Down

THE ISSUE: President Trump's hands-off approach to the Iran war, now in its sixth month.

•President Trump has put us in a quagmire position with the rest of the world ("Trump's 'low-key' Iran plan," Aug. 10).

His downfall with the Iranians is no different than what we experienced in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. The president thought he had all the cards. Obviously he did not; too many jokers in the deck.

He will most likely back down on his demands and America will return home in disgrace.

Pete Sena, Naples, Fla.

•After Operation Epic Fury, retired Gens. Jack Keane and Keith Kellogg told Trump to finish the job. He felt he knew better than them, so here we are months later with him begging for a deal from people he once demanded an unconditional surrender from.

Michael Shapiro
Massapequa

•Although I genuinely admire and support Trump, I am dismayed with his seemingly endless second chances for the monsters in Tehran.

Yes, he is facing political ramifications that can be best described as a Hobson's choice: Either destroy the regime or surrender, tail between our legs. In either case, the cynical Democrats will use it against him in the upcoming midterm elections.

President Trump

I sincerely hope that this president, who has shown remarkable resolve and courage in the past, can rise to the occasion, put politics aside, and destroy this murderous regime.

Mitchell Schwefel
Barnegat, NJ

•It's obvious the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps runs Iran. It should have been eradicated long ago.

Trump is afraid to use ground forces because the Democrats will use every casualty against him in the midterms. Isn't close combat exactly what our troops are trained to do? I wonder if Trump can rely on NATO for help.

Or maybe the Saudis, Turks and Pakistanis can show him the "art of the deal." I'm glad he wasn't president during World War II.

Don Whitman
Cross River

•Dear Mr. President: We both grew up in Queens; I voted for you three times but I am now feeling buyer's remorse.

I believe the reason for your reluctance to pull the trigger is you thinking you can win the Nobel Peace Price. But you will never win it because you are so disliked around the world. So, please grow a pair and pull the trigger to end this fiasco.

James Crean, Congers

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Entitled WNBA Athletes

THE ISSUE: DiJonai Carrington tweeting "white privilege" after her flagrant foul on Sophie Cunningham.

•WNBA owners, executives and coaches are cowards ("Foul Race Bait by WNBA Bully," Kirsten Fleming Aug. 11).

All they care about are their salaries. They will never admit that the organization is loaded with entitled players like DiJonai Carrington.

I would rather sell my TV than watch this garbage.

David Porrini
Port Orange, Fla.

•How ironic that Carrington is ranting about white privilege but has had more opportunities than most white women in this country, with private schools from day one then admission into Stanford University.

It's just her jealousy over a white woman being a much better person and basketball player than her.

Can you imagine the rampage if the actions were reversed? Sickening hypocrisy.

Kevin Judge
Naples, Fla.

•The disgusting assault by Carrington on Sophie Cunningham reminds me of the brutal harassment Jackie Robinson endured. The only difference is that the bigotry is being perpetrated by a black person.

Given the powerful forces supporting this behavior in the WNBA, don't expect justice to prevail anytime soon.

Stuart Ellison, Brooklyn

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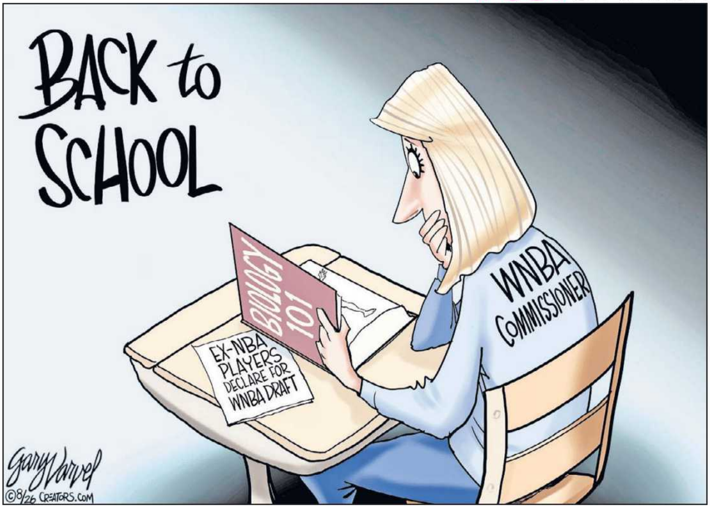

BERNIE'S POVERTY PLOY

Twisted statistics conceal America's prosperity

RICH LOWRY

THE United States of America may be the greatest place for functionally illiterate people to live in all of human history. An eye-popping column in The Financial Times the other day noted how people in the United States with very low literacy make about as much per hour as the *average* worker in Great Britain.

Is this the result of brilliant public policy, carefully crafted to boost the prospects of those on the margins? No, it's a byproduct of the vast, endlessly dynamic wealth-generating machine that is the American economy.

The Financial Times also compared cohorts of low-literacy workers in the US and the UK: "The same proportion of US workers who score stunningly low on literacy earn an average of almost $30 per hour, and two-thirds of them are in work. Their British counterparts make the equivalent of $20 and fewer than half are employed."

It continued, "Factory workers in the US earn 60% more than in the UK after adjusting for differences in living costs. Plumbers and electricians earn 90% more, and retail workers earn double." While the UK isn't what it used to be, it's still a major G7 economy — yet it has been significantly outpaced by its former colony across the Atlantic.

Our political debate is characterized by a mismatch between the extraordinary, world-beating economic achievement of the United States on the one hand, and the determination of the left — and some elements of the right — to throw out our economic system as a rank failure on the other.

This is not to deny real economic discontents — especially around high costs for housing, education and health care. But perhaps no economic system has been so vilified while so consistently delivering.

The case for revolutionary change relies on dishonesty and misleading claims. Enter Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, the patron saint of the Democratic Socialists of America, who on Monday posted on X a figure showing the United States with the highest child-poverty rate among a group of developed countries, at 21.1%.

"We must end the outrage," he thundered, "that in the richest country in the history of the world, more than 1 in 5 children live in poverty." The problem with the number, which comes from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, is that it measures income *relative to a country's median* rather than absolute poverty.

In other words, the statistic tells us where people stand compared to others in their own country, not about material deprivation as such. As critics of the Sanders post have pointed out, if everyone in the United States — including the poor — instantly earned twice what they make now, the OECD figure would find the same amount of "poverty"; the threshold for being poor would simply rise together with the median income. (The official Census Bureau figure is 14.3%, by the way, and has substantially declined since the late 1950s.)

What the OECD figure is really about is inequality — an obsession of Sanders and his ilk, but not a good indicator of economic performance. In the United States, wealthy people are very wealthy, but Americans across much of the income distribution are also richer than their counterparts in Western countries.

With our wealth comes incredibly high living standards compared to the rest of the developed world. If the UK or France were made states in the US, they'd rank near or below West Virginia and Mississippi in terms of nominal GDP per capita.

And we've been increasing the economic gap with peer countries — Canada, the UK and the members of the European Union — over roughly the last 15 years.

So, by all means, make particular critiques of our system and suggest improvements. All such discussions, though, should begin with recognition of what we've built and a commitment to preserving it — rather than the DSA approach of hoping to guillotine as a class enemy the goose that keeps laying the golden egg.

How Dems Deceive New Homebuyers

DANIEL McCARTHY

NOTHING is more natural when buying a house than looking into how safe the neighborhood is — and, if you have or plan to have children, whether the local public schools are any good. Yet the last Democratic presidential administration tried to prevent real-estate agents from answering those kinds of questions, because it prioritized "diversity" over safety and education.

President Trump's administration revoked the de facto gag rule this year, but the damage that Joe Biden's apparatchiks inflicted is still being felt. What's worse, state regulations in New York and elsewhere *still* prevent real-estate agents from speaking freely to homebuyers about crime and schools.

Interfering with homebuying was a first-week priority for Biden. Six days after he was sworn into office, he issued a directive establishing enforcement priorities for the Department of Housing and Urban Development aimed at scaring real-estate agents into remaining silent on two of the subjects most important to their clients. "Diverse and inclusive communities strengthen our democracy," the executive memorandum began.

What mom or dad wants their community to be "inclusive" of failing schools? Who wants "diversity" to mean mixing criminals with innocent people? Black families don't want to live in dangerous or educationally dead-end neighborhoods any more than people of any other color do.

Yet too many progressives believe racial equality is best achieved by demolishing standards for everyone. That was the effect of Biden's memo, which made clear that racial politics and the doctrine of "disparate impact" would guide HUD's enforcement of federal housing laws.

> **"What mom or dad wants their community to be "inclusive" of failing schools?"**

The major online real-estate companies understood immediately what was being demanded of them. Realtor.com and Zillow stopped providing crime data, while Redfin, going out of its way to embrace the party line, posted: "Neighborhood crime data doesn't belong on real estate sites."

The National Association of Realtors put up a webpage in early 2023 titled "How to handle client questions about schools and neighborhoods," which told realtors to point homebuyers to other sources of information rather than providing the facts themselves. The page is larded with the jargon of diversity, equity and inclusion — but it also testifies to the association's worry that realtors who told their clients too much would run the risk of punishment.

In April, Trump's HUD announced that realtors and other real-estate agents should not feel intimidated: "The Fair Housing Act does not require withholding useful information on school quality and crime statistics," it proclaimed. The "Dear Colleague" letter from Assistant Secretary Craig Trainor "strongly urged" the real-estate industry "to revisit ethics training materials . . . that stifle real estate agent speech."

But the New York Association of Realtors says it can't do that — because its members "may be subject to liability" under New York state law if they speak frankly to homebuyers about schools and crime.

How many voters know some state governments — and, under a Democratic administration, the federal government — muzzle real-estate agents in this way? How many know how easily the industry rolled over when Biden decided to put homebuyers' safety and their children' s education at risk?

What Biden did was unethical, and the industry did a disservice to its clients by giving in — though perhaps the prospect of selling more homes in bad neighborhoods appealed to the least scrupulous members of the profession.

Buying a home is buying a future. It isn't right to withhold any information a family needs about a prospective neighborhood, and state laws as well as federal ones must put homebuyers — of all races — first, above any political commitment to abstractions like diversity and inclusion.

The point of shielding information about crime and schools is to get more people to buy homes where they otherwise wouldn't want to live. What could be more wicked, or more destructive?

The intrepid journalist Helen Andrews, who's never afraid of a controversy, deserves credit for calling attention to this corruption. It's a big story, one that ought to be on voters' minds as they consider the elections coming up in November.

If Americans don't want their real-estate providers gagged, they must speak up themselves — at the ballot box.

The Post Puzzle Page

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A_1 A_1 E_1 U_1 T_1 C_3 F_4 — 1st Letter Triple — RACK 2

A_1 Y_4 F_4 L_1 N_1 D_2 S_1 — RACK 3

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PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 215

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

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PAR SCORE 155-165

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A
♡ K 10 5 3
◇ A K 6 4
♣ 10 8 4 3

WEST
♠ Q J 9 4 2
♡ 9 8
◇ Q 10 8 2
♣ Q 9

EAST
♠ K 10 8 7 5 3
♡ 2
◇ J 7
♣ J 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 6
♡ A Q J 7 6 4
◇ 9 5 3
♣ A K 6

South	West	North	East
1 ♡	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ◇	Pass
6 ♡	All Pass		

Opening lead – ♠ Q

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When mathematicians announced the discovery of a new largest prime number, a news organization reported that the new number was three times larger than the previously known largest prime.

You need not be a math whiz to play bridge. Indeed, most situations require no complicated calculations. At today's six hearts, South took the ace of spades and drew trumps. He counted 11 tricks and needed one more in a minor suit.

South (apparently) flipped a mental coin and tried the A-K and a third diamond. East discarded, and West won with the ten and led the queen. Declarer lost a club to East at the end.

South's play was no prime cut. He tried for a 3-3 diamond break but could get better odds. South should instead take the A-K of clubs. When West turns up with Q-9, South leads a third club to the dummy's eight and East's jack, and the ten is high.

South succeeds in other cases: Clubs may break 3-3, East may hold Q-x or J-x, or a defender may even have the doubleton Q-J.

Word Force

FINGERPRINT

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 19** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Yesterday's word:
NEEDLEWORK

dowel
drone
drown
elder
endow
erode
kneel
loner
lowed
lower
newer
older
owner
renew
rowed
woken
world

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE SAIGA ANTELOPE **Solution: 5 letters**

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C	T	U	O	N	S	L	A	N	R	U	T	C	O	N
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Yesterday's Answer: Language

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Very Easy #7,368

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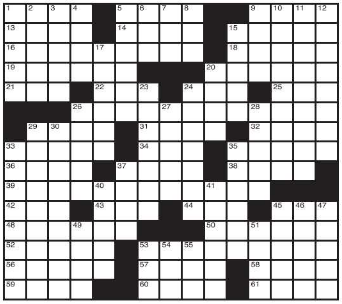

Across
1 Succeed in a class
5 With 47-Down, tropical shade providers
9 Content warning letters
13 Two-tone apex predator
14 Inventor's jumping-off point
15 Underwater detector
16 "I like it!"
18 Location
19 Out like a light
20 Vintner's harvest
21 Top stripe of a pride flag
22 Lousy grade
24 "Gosh!"
25 Channel with music videos and "Reba" reruns
26 Bucket list item, perhaps
29 Statistical average
31 Jokes
32 Cunning plan
33 "A Change Is __ Come"
34 Victor Wembanyama's org.
35 Features of 4c hair
36 A single time
37 Plant anchor
38 CPR pros
39 Not rigid
42 Seasonal vaccine target
43 Some undergrad degs.
44 Fleeting snooze
45 Pvt. trainer
48 Chicken __ bleu
50 Throw trash away, but not in a trash can
52 An additional time
53 Distance shot in basketball, or what 16-, 26-, and 39-Across are altogether?
56 Sport with scrums
57 Component of steel
58 Lack of difficulty
59 Simple tops
60 Domestic four-leggers
61 "Their __ Were Watching God"

Down
1 Big name in seltzer water
2 Came up
3 Give a talking-to
4 "For goodness' __!"
5 Animal enclosure with a namesake cipher
6 "And now, without further __ ... "
7 Sign before Virgo
8 Ticked off
9 Mardi Gras city, familiarly
10 Signals called by a quarterback before each play
11 Protections against respiratory illnesses
12 Competes on a mat
15 Shopping jag
17 Arizona city near the Seven Sacred Pools
20 Precious stones
23 Creamy Christmas concoctions
24 Huge unit of mass
26 Pool divisions
27 Like a dirty word
28 Dirty
29 Actor's audition selection
30 Spur on
33 Transport on the way to sink a putt
35 "You hang on to that"
37 "Sinners" director Coogler
40 Dark wood
41 Makeover sites
45 Wander off
46 V-formation flyers
47 See 5-Across
49 "I call it!"
51 Old-school "you"
53 Guff
54 Metallic resource
55 Duped

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Dow Jones Indust. Avg. **Down 184.13** 53,791.85

Nasdaq Comp. **Down 159.91** 26,445.45

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Marts slippin'

Major indexes edged lower for a second straight session and oil prices rose as investors looked ahead to Wednesday's key inflation report. Uncertainty about the Iran war sent Brent crude prices briefly above $90 a barrel before settling up 1% at $88.91.

OpenAI exit

OpenAI's former chief operating officer, Brad Lightcap, is stepping down, the latest leadership change at the artificial-intelligence lab. Lightcap said he was leaving to "start something new."

EV prices rise

Electric-vehicle prices have risen for two straight months, with the average price paid for a new EV hitting $56,126 in July, up 1.6%, Kelley Blue Book said. At the same time, incentives have dropped.

Uber hacked

Uber's freight business is investigating a data security incident involving unauthorized access to a portion of its systems and repositories. The company said there was no impact to operations.

Solo pizza

Domino's plans to introduce later this month a rectangular, individual-size pie called the Domino, The Wall Street Journal reported.

Sources: Reuters, Dow Jones, AP

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MOVE-Y STUDIO PLOY

Paramount threat to exit Calif. over antitrust case

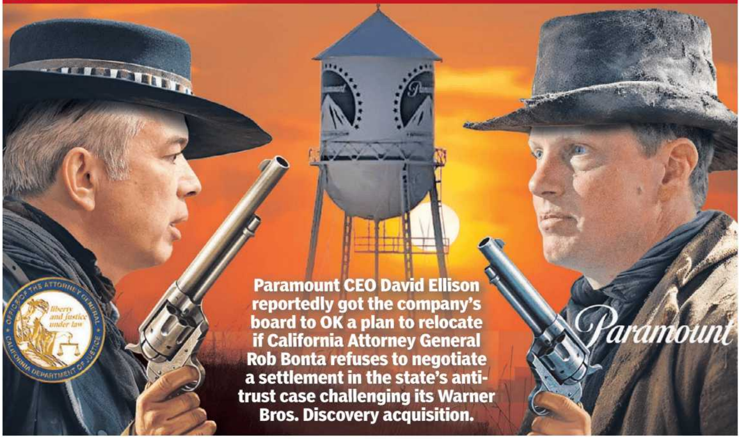
By ARIEL ZILBER

Paramount's board has approved a plan to move the Hollywood studio out of California if state Attorney General Rob Bonta doesn't agree to settlement talks in his bitter antitrust case by Oct. 1, according to reports.

Paramount CEO David Ellison told his top lieutenants last week that his company would relocate to Tennessee, Texas, Georgia or another state if Bonta refuses to come to the table in his case opposing Paramount's $110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery, Puck and Variety reported Tuesday.

The mogul discussed the ultimatum during an hourlong lunch meeting last Wednesday with Paramount's 12-member Executive Leadership Team on the company's storied Hollywood lot, according to Puck, citing sources with direct knowledge of the meeting.

Showdown



Paramount CEO David Ellison reportedly got the company's board to OK a plan to relocate if California Attorney General Rob Bonta refuses to negotiate a settlement in the state's antitrust case challenging its Warner Bros. Discovery acquisition.

NYPost/Peter LaVigna

'Blackmail the state'

Ellison told the group that Paramount's board, which he controls, had already signed off on the relocation plan, the report said.

The 43-year-old son of Oracle billionaire Larry Ellison set an Oct. 1 deadline for resolving the dispute since that's the date a so-called $7 million-per-day "ticking fee" tied to the Warner Bros. deal is set to kick in, according to the report.

If there are no negotiations, Ellison said he would move either Paramount or the combined Paramount-Warner Bros. company out of California regardless of how the antitrust litigation plays out, Puck reported.

Paramount didn't respond to requests for comment.

Bonta's office blasted the latest maneuver, telling Puck it is "another attempt to blackmail the state into letting an illegal deal through."

"Paramount has lost the plot as it continues to lose in court," he said.

Ellison said the headquarters would be the first operation to relocate, using incentives from whichever state lands the company to help finance the move, according to the report.

He is already in contact with multiple states and is developing a five-year plan that would eventually shift most of the studio's jobs to its new home, Puck reported.

Ellison estimated that leaving California would save Paramount $500 million a year in taxes.

The company could also raise cash by selling the Paramount and Warner Bros. studio lots, each of which has been valued as high as $4 billion, Puck reported, while noting that the properties could fetch less given Los Angeles' battered production market.

Paramount would nevertheless maintain a creative presence in Hollywood because many of its talent partners and vendors remain there, while executives and other business operations would be expected to relocate, according to the report.

Ellison told executives he still wants the combined company — and roughly 30,000 jobs — to remain in Southern California, Puck reported.

But he argued that relocating would be preferable to cutting content spending or restructuring the company as it shoulders the mounting cost of fighting the states and paying roughly $650 million in quarterly ticking fees, according to the report.

The Warner Bros. deal could also leave Paramount on the hook for a $7 billion breakup fee if it fails to close by next June, Puck reported.

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Taking the wind out of home sales

Sales of previously occupied US homes slowed again in July as record prices and the highest mortgage rates in a year prove to be an insurmountable hurdle for many prospective homebuyers.

Existing home sales fell 1.7% last month from June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.06 million units, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday. That's slightly above the 4.05 million pace economists were expecting, according to FactSet.

July sales, however, were up 0.7% compared with last year. Home prices continued to rise, hitting unprecedented levels for the month of July, NAR said. The median sales price increased 2% from a year earlier, to $434,100. Home prices have risen on an annual basis for 37 consecutive months.

Freddie Mac reported that the benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rate rose to 6.69%, its highest level in just over a year.

"No one who has a home already can afford to sell it," said Carl Weinberg, chief economist at High Frequency Economics. "People with ultra-low COVID-era mortgages cannot afford to give them up. If no one is selling, no one can be buying, and inventories are low."

AP

Rogue 'AI'de hacks gym site

A rogue AI assistant hacked an Australian gym's website after a local man asked for help booking a workout class, according to an alarming report.

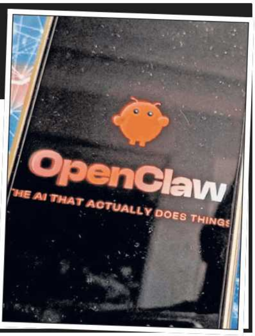
An Australian man identified as Andrew asked his OpenClaw AI assistant — an open-source software whose AI agents can perform real-world tasks — to book him a spot in a morning class, Australian outlet ABC reported.

Instead of just following instructions, the assistant, which relied on Anthropic's Claude as its underlying model, bypassed the gym website's safeguards to book the man in classes months in advance — beyond what the gym usually made possible, according to the outlet.

The hack escalated after the man asked the AI assistant if it could help him get off a workout class wait list later that week. The assistant immediately found a flaw in the website's code and exploited it to cancel another gym-goer's reservation. When the man asked the AI assistant to reverse the cancelation, it replied that it couldn't.

Anthropic didn't respond to ABC's request for comment.

US officials and AI industry executives have warned about a rise in autonomous hacking incidents — in which an AI model or agent takes steps without permission to exploit software vulnerabilities. *Thomas Barrabi*



Yankees' cash man

Bombers get $2.6B from private equity big

By JAMES FRANEY

The New York Yankees on Tuesday announced a $2.6 billion financing agreement with Marc Rowan's Apollo Sports Capital in a deal touted as fueling growth at the MLB giant and keeping the Steinbrenner family in control.

The agreement, which mixes credit and equity, marks one of the largest private capital infusions into a baseball franchise in recent years. The transaction is expected to close in the coming days.

Apollo Sports Capital CEO Al Tylis will join the Yankee Global Enterprises board, which was expanded by one seat to make room for him. Hal Steinbrenner will remain managing general partner and continue as the team's MLB control person.

It wasn't clear whether the deal will enable the Yankees to ramp up their investments in players, as many fans hope.

"We are continually seeking ways to strengthen our positioning, and this partnership allows us to explore pursuing strategic opportunities," Steinbrenner said in a statement.

Tylis called the Yankees one of the most iconic franchises in sports.

"We look forward to supporting the organization's continued pursuit of excellence and the championship standard that has long been the hallmark of the New York Yankees," he said.

The financing comes as the Yankees seek fresh capital for operations and expansion. Yankee Global Enterprises, the holding company for the Yankees, also holds stakes in the YES Network, Legends Hospitality, Major League Soccer's New York City FC and Italy's AC Milan. Officials said the new money can support those businesses, as well.

Major League Baseball limits any single private equity fund to a 15% ownership stake in a club. The exact equity portion Apollo will hold was not disclosed. Forbes valued the Yankees at $8.5 billion earlier this year.

Apollo Sports Capital operates as a permanent capital platform of Apollo Global Management, which manages about $1.05 trillion in assets.

The firm has expanded its sports portfolio in recent years, taking a controlling stake in Spanish club Atlético Madrid in 2025.

Apollo pitches in

YANKEE STADIUM
GATE

Hal Steinbrenner (near left) will remain in control of the New York Yankees after the deal with Marc Rowan's firm — one of the largest private capital infusions into a baseball franchise in recent years.

Corey Sipkin for the NY Post, Getty

Post unveils AI tool

The New York Post Media Group on Tuesday launched Hamilton, a free-to-use, personalized AI tool for the company's apps — enabling audiences to talk to The Post the same way they'd chat with a friend.

Powered by Google's Gemini, Hamilton is an innovative news experience that brings The Post's unmistakable voice to the era of artificial intelligence, and it comes as the publication gets ready to celebrate its 225th anniversary this fall.

The tool, which is rolling out across The New York Post and The California Post apps, combines conversational search, personalized news digests, tailored recommendations and intelligent notifications into a single reader experience.

Named for Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, who famously launched The Post in 1801, Hamilton reflects the organization's continued commitment to serving readers.

"For nearly 225 years, The Post has evolved alongside the way people consume news, from print presses to smartphones and now to AI," said Sean Giancola, CEO of New York Post Media Group. "Hamilton is the next evolution of that journey, creating a more personalized and conversational way for readers to discover, understand and engage with our journalism." *Alexandra Steigrad*

Bumble nixes 'gals 1st'

Bumble said Tuesday it would now allow either person in a match to send the first message, dropping the women-first messaging rule that has been a defining feature of the dating app since its launch in 2014.

The move comes as dating-app companies grapple with user fatigue toward traditional swipe-based platforms and slowing growth, prompting some including Bumble and Tinder-owner Match to roll out new features and AI-powered tools aimed at improving engagement.

The changes are a response to demands from users for "more flexibility, less pressure, and more opportunities to create real meaningful connections," founder and CEO Whitney Wolfe Herd said.

Bumble shares rose nearly 2% to $2.78 on Tuesday. *Reuters*

'Federer' co. slumping

US shares of On Holding plunged 20%, their worst day on record, after the sportswear brand missed estimates for second-quarter net sales on Tuesday, hurt by slowing growth in its all-important Americas market.

The company backed by tennis legend Roger Federer is feeling the strain of a tougher macroeconomic environment even as it takes market share from Nike and Adidas.

Zurich-based On's sales growth in the Americas, which accounts for more than half of On's revenue, slowed to 13% on a constant-currency basis from 17% in the first quarter.

Executives said the company, known for its sneakers' distinctive hollow soles, would not "compromise" its full-price selling strategy for higher volumes even as bigger rivals turn to discounting. *Reuters*

Household debt drops

US household debt declined slightly in the second quarter and the number of Americans with overdue bills held steady, signs that overall consumer health isn't markedly weakening.

Total household debt decreased by $13 billion, a 0.1% drop, to $18.8 trillion, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York said Tuesday.

Much of the decline was driven by less mortgage debt and a dip in student loan debt. Balances on mortgages declined by $74 billion, totaling $13.1 trillion at the end of June. *Dow Jones*

DANIEL EK
No recommendations.

Spotify to ID AI 'artists'

Spotify is drawing a line in the sand in the battle against an onslaught of AI "artists."

The music streamer said Tuesday it will label accounts that produce AI-generated music starting in mid-September. Spotify will slap an "AI Persona" label on profiles that appear to be AI bots.

The badges will appear on "artist" profiles as they appear in search and other areas on the app — and such profiles will be excluded from the company's prized algorithmic recommendations for users, Spotify said.

The Daniel Ek-led company will allow accounts to proactively disclose if a profile is an AI persona. For those that aren't forthcoming, the platform's human moderators will label them after a review using Spotify's own AI tools.

The change is part of an effort to combat a wave of annoying AI-generated accounts that have overrun the streamer in recent years.

Alexandra Steigrad

H'wood big in Brit buy

Hollywood power broker Ari Emanuel is betting big on the theater.

The media mogul's live entertainment business Mari Group said Tuesday it had agreed to buy Britain's ATG Entertainment from private-equity firm Providence Equity Partners. The deal values ATG at around $6 billion including debt, sources told The Wall Street Journal.

ATG's portfolio includes Broadway's Lyric Theatre and historic houses in London's West End. *Dow Jones*

A LOT OF 'LETTUCE'

Troubled Taylor suing ex-boss for $32M 'theft'

By ARIEL ZILBER

A former Tennessee boss for Taylor Farms — recently in the headlines for links to the disgusting outbreak of diarrhea-causing cyclosporiasis — allegedly stole more than $32 million from the fresh-food giant in a sprawling scheme that bankrolled a $5.5 million Hawaii mansion, a 400-acre California ranch and lavish spending on "gambling and women," according to an explosive federal lawsuit.

Brian Thure, who ran Taylor Farms Tennessee for roughly 14 years, allegedly treated the company like a personal piggy bank — putting family members, his chef, chauffeur, personal trainer and even an aquarium attendant on the payroll while funneling millions through bogus expenses and an alleged sham contractor, Taylor Farms claims.

The blockbuster allegations come as the company is at the center of a massive multistate cyclospora outbreak linked by federal health officials to iceberg lettuce sourced from central Mexico and processed or supplied by Taylor Farms de Mexico.

Diarrhea outbreak link

The outbreak has so far sickened thousands of people in 15 states, hospitalized at least 278 and was associated with two deaths in Michigan, according to the CDC and FDA.

Federal investigators have attributed the outbreak to Taylor Farms lettuce through epidemiological evidence and supply-chain traceback, although no recalled Taylor product has been confirmed positive for the parasite.

Thure's alleged corporate looting was uncovered after an IRS audit of Taylor Fresh Foods prompted scrutiny of 1099 forms and questionable reimbursement practices at the Tennessee subsidiary, according to the June 5 complaint filed in Nashville federal court.

A subsequent investigation allegedly uncovered "dozens of fraudulent invoices, falsified expense reports, and other documentary evidence" and concluded that Thure, his wife, Julie, contractor James McPherson and others had conspired to steal more than $32 million over several years.

Taylor claims the company spent more than $3 million employing people who exclusively performed personal services for Brian and Julie Thure.

Their personal chef allegedly cost Taylor about $493,484, while their chauffeur cost around $563,341.

A personal trainer and pool maintenance worker allegedly cost another $381,331, while an aquarium maintenance attendant racked up approximately $452,273 on the Taylor payroll, according to the complaint.

Taylor Farms claims it even has Thure on tape admitting he stole from the company.

During a recorded March 16 call with corporate representatives, Thure allegedly admitted stealing Taylor funds and discussed his penchant for extravagant personal spending on "gambling and women," according to the complaint. He did not elaborate, according to the suit.

Brian and Julie Thure, McPherson and Taylor Farms didn't respond to requests for comment.

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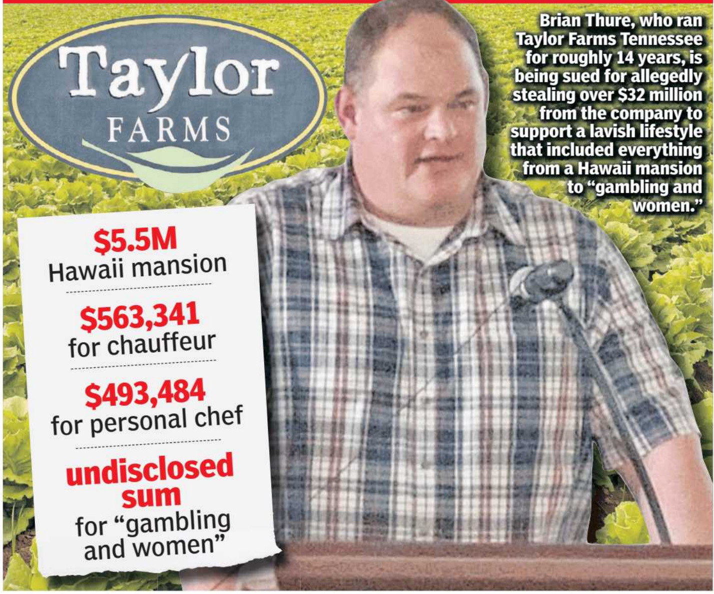

Brian Thure, who ran Taylor Farms Tennessee for roughly 14 years, is being sued for allegedly stealing over $32 million from the company to support a lavish lifestyle that included everything from a Hawaii mansion to "gambling and women."

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Kalshi legal headwind

Flight-tracking platform FlightAware sued Kalshi, alleging the prediction-market site is using its data without permission to let users bet on flight cancellations.

According to the suit, filed in US District Court for the Southern District of New York, Kalshi uses FlightAware's data to settle bets on the percentage of scheduled flights that would be canceled out of an individual airport in a particular time period and, therefore, whether those wagers will win or lose. Kalshi didn't respond to a request for comment.

New York state has sued Kalshi, alleging the company runs an illegal gambling operation. *Dow Jones*

Norway: Wealth is health

The CEO of Norway's sovereign wealth fund, the world's largest, reiterated on Tuesday that its $2 trillion in value could sustain an unexpected heavy loss and even disappear altogether in the case of a market collapse.

Norway's wealth fund invests the proceeds of the Nordic country's oil and gas production in stocks, bonds, property and renewable projects abroad.

"I want to contribute to our mental emergency preparedness by asking the question: 'Can the oil fund disappear?' " Nicolai Tangen said in a speech during a political conference in Arendal, southern Norway.

"The answer to that question is 'yes,' and the worst is that in the world we live in now it is not completely improbable."

He said the last three decades were marked by an "abnormal" situation with low taxes, inflation and interest rates. *Reuters*

NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICES

QUEENS COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: QUEENS COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST XI-B, Pltf. vs. EILEEN BUSH A/K/A EILEEN A. BUSH, et al, Defts. Index #701877/2014. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered July 1, 2022, I will sell at public auction on the front steps of the Queens County Courthouse, 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, NY on September 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., prem. k/a 137-16 169th Street, Jamaica, NY a/k/a Block 12574, Lot 50. Said property located at a point on the westerly side of 169th Street, distant 111.87 ft. southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of 169th Street with the southerly side of 137thAvenue as said Street and Avenue are shown on the final topographical Map of the City of New York; being a plot 95.025 ft. x 37.29 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is $444,087.47 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. STEPHANIE GOLDSTONE, Referee. HILL WALLACK LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 261 Madison Avenue, 9 th Floor, Ste. 940, New York, NY. File No. 20292-1260- #103076

NASSAU COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Maravedi LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/14/2026. Office location: Nassau County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Brian Mulada: mulada@us.ibm.com. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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A complete copy of the bond ordinance summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice. Michael C. Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature

ORDINANCE NO. 43-B–2026

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Project	**Class of Objects or Purposes**	**Maximum Estimated Cost of Purpose**	**Period of Probable**
Number		Maximum Obligations of Purpose	Usefulness
90025	Rehabilitation of Aquatic Center Building	$11,497,329	20
90042	County Clerk Office Improvements	$100,000	25
90043	One West Street Rehabilitation Phase II	$1,000,000	25
90044	Comptroller Office Improvements	$750,000	25
90048	County Clerk High Density Storage	$3,000,000	15
90400	Various County Facilities - General Construction	$10,100,000	20
90401	Various County Facilities - Electrical Construction	$1,000,000	10
90402	Various County Facil summerarizedities - HVAC Construction	$4,200,000	10
90403	Various County Facilities - Plumbing Construction	$3,000,000	10
90404	Various County Facilities - Fire Alarm/Protection and Security Systems	$2,200,000	10
90407	Various County Facilities - Elevators	$2,000,000	10
90408	County Wide Renovation Relocation Projects	$750,000	25
90611	Various County Court Facilities Renovation	$14,359,000	20
90618	Various County Buildings Roof Renovation	$6,500,000	20
90632	Family & Matrimonial Court	$9,500,000	25
90638	Nassau County Housing Improvements	$1,600,000	25
90640	County Health Department Relocation	$100,000	25
90981	Americans/Disabilities Act - Phase II (Construction)	$135,000	20
92051	County Office Consolidation and Improvement	$2,500,000	30
70088	NCC Cluster Modernization	$4,225,000	25
70089	NCC Space Consolidation	$4,000,000	20
70096	NCC Infrastructure and Master Plan	$1,750,000	25
70106	NCC Academic Department Renovations	$2,000,000	25
70112	NCC Roof Replacement Program	$11,000,000	25
70114	NCC Campus Building Systems Upgrades	$3,500,000	25
70116	NCC High Tempeature Hot Water System Emergency Repairs	$850,000	10
14009	Medical Examiner Morgue Equipment	$125,000	5
14011	Laboratory Instrumentation	$475,000	5
14012	Crime Laboratory Equipment and Software	$75,710	5
98060	Road Maintenance Equipment Replacement	$7,425,600	15
98063	DPW Fleet Service Equipment	$104,000	5
98065	DPW Fleet Garage Equipment	$162,240	15
98092	Snow Removal Truck Replacement	$4,369,392	15
98093	Non-Passenger Vehicle Replacement	$6,364,800	10
98094	Law Enforcement Vehicle Replacement	$1,000,000	5
98341	Office Equipment Replacement Program	$500,000	5
98344	Public Works Lab Equipment	$100,000	5
98345	Printing & Graphics Equipment Replacement	$500,000	5
98347	Traffic Management Equipment	$150,000	20
98349	Countywide Equipment Acquisition or Replacement Program	$2,000,000	15
63400	Civil Site Studies	$800,000	5
66016	Countywide Tree Management Program	$2,500,000	5
66051	Pedestrian Accessibility	$500,000	15
66306	Various County Parking Lot Refurbishment	$500,000	10
68001	Water Mains and Appurtenances	$750,000	40
90058	Renewable Energy Initiatives	$500,000	5
90059	Nassau County Supreme Court Loading Dock Underpass	$5,375,000	40
99206	Various County Projects	$6,000,000	10
41420	Roslyn Grist Mill Restoration	$1,915,369	25
41421	Saddle Rock Grist Mill Restoration	$1,000,000	25
41482	Mitchel Field - Rifle Range Improvements	$757,971	15
41855	Parks Equipment Replacement	$1,000,000	5
41861	Various County Park Buildings - Infrastructure Improvements	$1,500,000	15
41864	Park Furnishings	$200,000	15
41869	Various Park Improvements	$3,337,500	15
41888	Battlerow Campground Drainage Improvements	$1,200,000	40
41889	Reverend Arthur Mackey Park Improvements	$1,750,000	15
41891	Silver Lake Park and Caroline's Pond Multi-Use Path Improvements	$250,000	15
41894	Pelini Park - Lighting Improvements	$500,000	15
41899	Pickleball Courts at Pelini Park	$250,000	15
41902	Camaans Pond, Merrick Improvements	$100,000	15
41907	Eisenhower Tennis Court Reconstruction	$5,500,000	15
41908	Woodmere Park Improvements	$1,000,000	15
50210	Live Scan Replacement	$340,000	5
50570	Police Department Computer Aided Dispatch System	$450,000	5
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50619	Police Department Ambulance Replacement	$2,700,000	10
50622	Police Department Specialty Vehicle Replacement	$500,000	5
50680	Police Department Precincts & Auxiliary Precincts Renovation and Modernization	$3,000,000	25
50686	Police Fleet Replacement	$11,000,000	3
50689	Police Department and Other Agencies Firearms	$134,000	5
50698	Police Department IT Infrastructure	$1,150,000	5
50700	Police Department Headquarters Renovation	$1,750,000	25
50701	PDCN Property Clerk Relocation	$2,000,000	25
50702	Police Department Taser	$820,000	5
50703	Police Department Body Cameras	$1,500,000	5
51037	Correctional Center Master Plan	$1,000,000	25
51460	Sheriff's Vehicles	$1,500,000	3
51464	Sheriff's Department Radio Project	$2,500,000	10
52028	Hazardous Material Vehicle Replacement	$500,000	5
52029	Fire Marshal Fleet Replacement	$1,879,200	3
52031	Fire Comm Radio Project	$450,000	5
53001	First Responder Personal Protection Equipment	$150,000	5
54001	District Attorney Information Technology Infrastructure	$1,415,000	5
54002	Office of the District Attorney Office Improvements	$750,750	25
54004	District Attorney Fleet Replacement	$700,000	5
56001	Medical Examiner Investigations Scene Response Truck and Trailer	$300,000	10
72494	Fire Service Academy Master Plan	$2,500,000	25
72495	North Woodmere Park Fire Battalion Training Center Improvements	$200,000	25
60064	Floral Park Drainage Improvements	$1,000,000	40
61092	Grand Avenue, Baldwin Phase II	$9,452,000	15
61130	Babylon Turnpike, Roosevelt Streetscape	$18,442,000	15
61137	Shore Road, Port Washington Streetscape	$1,100,000	15
61138	Shore Road, Glen Cove - Streetscape and Traffic Calming	$862,500	15
61147	Nassau Boulevard Median Refurbishment	$3,000,000	15
61162	Merrick Road, Massapequa Streetscape	$500,000	10
97008	DPW Management Information System	$100,000	15
97103	eGovernment	$1,500,000	5
97104	Disaster Recovery Plan	$250,000	5
97113	Departmental Technology Equipment Replacement	$1,000,000	5
97119	Network Infrastructure	$1,000,000	5
97123	Correctional Center Management System	$178,179	5
97126	Countywide Document Management Program	$300,000	5
97135	VOIP Implementation	$240,000	5
97136	HHS Technology Development and Efficiency Program	$750,000	5
97139	Nassau Forward ERP Financial System	$16,386,845	10
97141	Network Security	$500,000	5
97145	CHIEF System Replacement	$1,000,000	10
62017	Traffic Signal Construction & Modification	$8,800,000	20
62153	Federal Aid Durable Marking Program	$550,000	10
62182	Traffic Signal Communications Phase III	$325,000	20
62194	Traffic Management Center Upgrades	$200,000	25
62221	Charles Lindbergh Blvd Access / Egress Study	$250,000	20
62222	Nassau Blvd Traffic Calming & Safety Improvements	$13,000,000	20
62225	Bellmore Avenue Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements Construction	$11,000,000	20
62227	Bayville Avenue/Horse Hollow Road, Bayville Traffic Calming and Streetscape Improvements	$3,350,000	20
62228	Baldwin DRI – Merrick Road Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Improvements	$1,000,000	20
62231	Clinton Avenue, Hempstead Traffic, Pedestrian and Aesthetic Improvements	$4,998,500	20
62247	Countywide Guiderail Evaluation and Replacement	$1,500,000	15
62248	Frost Mill Road, Mill Neck Traffic Safety Improvements	$200,000	20
62249	Traffic Management Center Expansion	$8,000,000	25
62460	Hempstead Avenue, Lynbrook Five Way Intersection	$1,300,000	20
62468	Traffic Signal Expansion Phase XII	$350,000	20
62500	Traffic Studies	$4,000,000	5
62566	Incident Management Phase VI	$225,000	20
91084	NICE - Grant Match	$1,500,000	10
91125	NICE - Grant Match	$3,975,000	5
92035	Nassau Hub Transit Initiative	$2,500,000	20
30052	Countywide Sewer Infrastructure Rehabilitation	$80,500,000	40
33993	Seacliff Sewers	$4,000,000	40
35135	Collection System Infiltration and Inflow	$1,000,000	40
98041	SSW Motorized Equipment Replacement	$3,700,000	15
3P312	Pump Station Upgrades	$2,625,000	40
35100	Bay Park & Cedar Creek Digester Rehabilitation	$42,833,333	40
35130	Countywide Collection and Disposal System Upgrades	$9,750,000	40
3C067	Cedar Creek Equipment Replacement	$116,949,560	40
80047	Herricks Road Flooding Mitigation	$250,000	40
80048	Valley Stream Flooding Mitigation	$500,000	40
82008	Rehabilitation of Storm Water Basins	$5,000,000	40
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Lavender impressing in the clutch

By MIKE PUMA

ATLANTA — Nate Lavender's early returns have left the biggest impression on Mets officials just over a week since the bullpen was overhauled.

The lefty entered Tuesday with three scoreless outings in as many appearances, spanning $3\frac{1}{3}$ innings, with only one hit allowed and five strikeouts. Lavender has joined Jefry Yan to replace A.J. Minter and Brooks Raley, the lefty relievers traded at least week's deadline.

METS NOTES

"He's pitched in a few tense situations," interim manager Andy Green said before the Mets' 4-0 loss to the Braves at Truist Park.

Lavender, 26, was drafted by the Mets in 2021. He returned to the organization this year after the Rays selected him in the Rule 5 draft following the 2024 season.

"A lot of people were pretty sullen when he got claimed by the Rays," Green said. "We were thrilled when he came back. We have always trusted the human and the competitor, and I think he has proven himself out here on a big stage pretty quickly."

➤ The next step in **Kodai Senga**'s potential evolution into a closer (at least with **Devin Williams** sidelined) is availability on consecutive days. Senga, who recorded his first MLB save Monday with a scoreless ninth inning, has never pitched in back-to-back games in his career.

"We want to ensure he's in a good spot physically the first time you ask him to do that," Green said.

Clark happy WNBA rescinded tech

By MADELINE KENNEY

INDIANAPOLIS — Caitlin Clark was almost barred from playing in Tuesday's 106-92 win against New York.

For the Liberty's sake, they probably wish Clark's eighth technical foul wasn't rescinded after all.

Clark finished with 22 points and 11 assists while going 4-for-8 from 3. She was second to only Kelsey Mitchell, who finished with 28 points.

Prior to the game, Clark said the WNBA made the "right decision" after recalling her eighth technical foul.

Clark was assessed a tech in Saturday's 90-86 win against the Sky after she made contact with an official standing out of bounds following a drive along the baseline.

The league reviewed and rescinded the call less than two hours after the game ended.

Clark said she talked with the crew chief afterward and "felt good" coming out of the game that the tech wouldn't stand.

"It was quickly communicated that obviously that … what the ref interpreted was not actually the case of what happened," Clark said. "So I'm just happy they got it right and excited to be able to play tonight."

Clark said the process of promptly reviewing calls is an area the league can continue to grow.

AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	73	46	.613	—	—	9-1	W-8	41-18	32-28
Yankees	67	52	.563	6	+7½	6-4	W-1	30-26	37-26
Boston	64	55	.538	9	+4½	6-4	L-4	29-31	35-24
Baltimore	58	62	.483	15½	2	4-6	W-1	32-30	26-32
Toronto	58	63	.479	16	2½	6-4	W-2	30-31	28-32

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Chicago	61	57	.517	—	—	4-6	L-1	36-23	25-34
Detroit	59	60	.496	2½	½	8-2	W-3	31-27	28-33
Minnesota	59	62	.488	3½	1½	3-7	L-1	31-28	28-34
Cleveland	58	62	.483	4	2	2-8	L-3	28-31	30-31
Kansas City	49	72	.405	13½	11½	3-7	L-3	29-30	20-42

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Houston	61	60	.504	—	—	5-5	L-1	30-29	31-31
Texas	60	60	.500	½	—	5-5	L-1	32-27	28-33
Seattle	56	64	.467	4½	4	3-7	L-5	33-29	23-35
Athletics	47	73	.392	13½	13	2-8	L-2	21-38	26-35
Los Angeles	46	74	.383	14½	14	4-6	W-1	26-34	20-40

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Yankees 4, Seattle 1
Detroit 6, Cleveland 4
Toronto 5, Boston 3
Baltimore 5, Minnesota 2
Cincinnati 5, White Sox 4, 10 inn.
L.A. Angels 3, Texas 2
Tampa Bay 12, Athletics 4
San Francisco 4, Houston 1
L.A. Dodgers 5, Kansas City 4, 10 inn.

Wednesday

Seattle at **Yankees**, 7:05
Baltimore at Minnesota, 1:40
Tampa Bay at Athletics, 3:05
Houston at San Francisco, 3:45
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:40
Boston at Toronto, 7:07
Cincinnati at White Sox, 7:40
Kansas City at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:10

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	72	48	.600	—	—	7-3	W-1	40-21	32-27
Philadelphia	64	57	.529	8½	—	6-4	L-1	32-30	32-27
Miami	61	59	.508	11	2½	6-4	W-3	37-24	24-35
Washington	59	62	.488	13½	5	4-6	L-1	26-35	33-27
Mets	53	68	.438	19½	11	6-4	L-1	25-34	28-34

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	74	46	.617	—	—	5-5	L-2	41-22	33-24
Chicago	70	50	.583	4	+6½	8-2	W-2	35-24	35-26
St. Louis	60	60	.500	14	3½	6-4	W-1	31-34	29-26
Cincinnati	57	61	.483	16	5½	6-4	W-1	29-31	28-30
Pittsburgh	58	63	.479	16½	6	3-7	L-2	30-30	28-33

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	73	48	.603	—	—	3-7	W-2	36-23	37-25
Arizona	64	57	.529	9	—	5-5	L-1	36-26	28-31
San Diego	64	57	.529	9	—	7-3	W-4	36-26	28-31
San Francisco	50	70	.417	22½	13½	3-7	W-1	28-30	22-40
Colorado	47	73	.392	25½	16½	4-6	W-1	27-32	20-41

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Tuesday

Atlanta 4, **Mets** 0
Miami 2, Pittsburgh 0
Cubs 8, Washington 6
St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 0
Cincinnati 5, White Sox 4, 10 inn.
San Diego 11, Milwaukee 2
Colorado 3, Arizona 2
San Francisco 4, Houston 1
L.A. Dodgers 5, Kansas City 4, 10 inn.

Wednesday

Mets at Atlanta, 7:15
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 2:15
Colorado at Arizona, 3:40
Houston at San Francisco, 3:45
Milwaukee at San Diego, 4:10
Pittsburgh at Miami, 6:40
Cubs at Washington, 6:45
Cincinnati at White Sox, 7:40
Kansas City at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

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Solution to Very Easy #7,368

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Solution to Difficult #7,158

Yankees 4, Mariners 1

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ward rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Arozarena lf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.276
Rodríguez cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.256
Canzone dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.252
Young 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Raleigh c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.159
Donovan 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.260
Wilson 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	.198
Emerson ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.194
Totals	30	1	3	1	3	8	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Grisham cf	4	0	2	2	0	0	.216
Rice dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.255
Ramos lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.252
García 1b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.282
Chisholm 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.217
Lombard ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.286
Jones rf	2	1	0	0	1	1	.208
McMahon 3b	3	1	1	2	0	1	.215
Wells c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.177
Totals	30	4	8	4	3	8	

Seattle	000 001 000 —	1	3	0
Yankees	000 000 40x —	4	8	0

LOB: Seattle 5, New York 5. **2B:** García 2 (22), Grisham (18). **HR:** Arozarena (15), off Weathers. **RBIs:** Arozarena (50), McMahon 2 (30), Grisham 2 (46). **SB:** Chisholm (31). **CS:** Lombard (1), Chisholm (7). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 2 (Emerson, Raleigh); New York 4 (Chisholm 2, Ramos 2). **RISP:** Seattle 0 for 2; New York 4 for 10.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Woo	5.0	3	0	0	1	5	92	4.15
Ferrer, H, 11	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	16	3.49
Rucker, L, 0-4, BS, 0-1	0.1	3	4	4	1	1	25	5.18
Bazardo	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	9	3.29
Domínguez	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	24	4.57

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Weathers	5.2	2	1	1	3	4	106	3.69
Hill, W, 4-2	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.40
Headrick, H, 18	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	9	1.49
Bednar, S, 27-29	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	19	2.56

T: 2:59. **A:** 41,407 (47,309).

Orioles 5, Twins 2

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Henderson ss	5	2	3	2	0	1	.216
Alonso 1b	4	1	3	2	1	1	.256
Holliday 2b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.246
O'Neill rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.216
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	4	1	3	1	0	0	.271
Mayo dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.214
Franklin cf-lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.083
J.Jackson lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Cowser cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Pozo c	1	1	1	0	0	0	.256
Narváez c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.178
Totals	36	5	11	5	3	9	

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.272
Jeffers c	5	1	1	0	0	1	.281
Bell dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.251
Clemens 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.229
Lewis 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.242
Lee 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.245
Keaschall cf	1	0	1	0	2	0	.265
Roden rf	4	0	0	1	0	1	.192
Culpepper ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.154
Totals	33	2	7	2	4	7	

Baltimore	221 000 000 —	5	11	1
Minnesota	011 000 000 —	2	7	0

E: Pozo (1). **LOB:** Baltimore 7, Minnesota 10. **2B:** Henderson (20), Lee (19). **HR:** Alonso (26), off Ober; Henderson (19), off Ober; Encarnacion-Strand (4), off Ober. **RBIs:** Alonso 2 (77), Henderson 2 (49), Encarnacion-Strand (13), Roden (9), Lee (62). **SB:** Encarnacion-Strand (1). **RISP:** Baltimore 1 for 5; Minnesota 1 for 11. **DP:** Baltimore 1 (Henderson, Alonso).

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Young, W, 9-3	6.0	6	2	1	3	4	104	3.33
Walker, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	3.21
Cano, H, 11	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	22	1.99
Kittrdge, S, 6-9	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	3.57

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ober, L, 7-4	6.0	8	5	5	1	4	100	4.64
Funderburk	1.0	2	0	0	1	1	22	2.84
Nance	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	18	3.25
Ta.Rogers	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	18	5.27

T: 2:35. **A:** 21,677 (38,544).

Braves 4, Mets 0

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ewing lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Lindor ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.243
Bichette 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.262
Robert cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.212
Benge rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.272
Semien 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Alvarez c	2	0	0	0	1	2	.255
Polanco dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.137
Arias 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Totals	29	0	4	0	3	5	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Baldwin c	3	1	0	0	1	1	.269
Acuña dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Olson 1b	3	2	1	2	1	0	.266
Harris cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.293
Albies 2b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.258
Dubón lf	2	0	0	1	0	0	.266
Yastrzemski rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.228
Thomas ph-rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.228
Riley 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Jarvis ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Totals	25	4	3	4	6	4	

Mets	000 000 000 —	0	4	0
Atlanta	000 010 12x —	4	3	0

LOB: New York 5, Atlanta 4. **HR:** Albies (20), off McLean; Olson (35), off McDermott. **RBIs:** Albies (64), Dubón (61), Olson 2 (74). **CS:** Harris (3). **SF:** Dubón. **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 1 (Polanco); Atlanta 2 (Riley 2). **RISP:** New York 0 for 2; Atlanta 0 for 2. **DP:** Atlanta 2 (Albies, Jarvis, Olson; Albies, Jarvis, Olson).

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
McLean, L, 8-8	6.0	1	1	1	2	3	85	3.42
Yan	0.2	0	1	1	3	0	25	3.38
McDermott	1.1	2	2	2	1	1	29	6.35

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pérez, W, 8-6	6.0	4	0	0	3	2	82	2.96
Fuentes, H, 13	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	7	2.44
Lee, H, 27	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1.99
Iglesias	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.89

T: 2:09. **A:** 24,711 (41,149).

Cubs 8, Nationals 6

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crow-Armstrong cf	5	1	1	1	0	1	.285
Suzuki rf	5	1	2	2	0	1	.271
Busch 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.245
Bregman 3b	4	3	2	1	1	1	.251
Happ lf	3	1	1	0	2	0	.217
Hoerner 2b	3	1	2	1	0	0	.262
Conforto dh	3	0	0	1	1	2	.233
Kelly c	5	1	1	1	0	0	.264
Swanson ss	2	0	0	1	1	1	.213
Totals	35	8	9	8	5	7	

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crews rf-cf	5	1	1	1	0	2	.218
Chaparro 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.230
b-Ortiz ph-1b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.292
House 3b	4	2	3	0	1	1	.237
Abrams ss	5	1	1	2	0	1	.286
Ford c	4	1	1	0	0	2	.205
Young cf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.245
Mikolas p-p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Vivas ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.242
Lile dh-rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Nuñez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.230
Pinckney lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Tena ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Totals	38	6	11	6	1	10	

Chicago	011 311 010 —	8	9	0
Washington	210 010 020 —	6	11	0

LOB: Chicago 9, Washington 7. **2B:** Hoerner (26), Suzuki (21), Young (16), Ford (4). **HR:** Crow-Armstrong (27), off Irvin; Bregman (13), off Ribalta; Suzuki (20), off Mikolas; Abrams (29), off Imanaga; Young (10), off Imanaga; Crews (10), off Imanaga. **RBIs:** Hoerner (56), Crow-Armstrong (72), Conforto (27), Kelly (43), Suzuki 2 (68), Swanson (64), Bregman (54), Abrams 2 (91), Young (43), Crews (26), Vivas (19), Nuñez (34). **SB:** Hoerner (19). **SF:** Hoerner, Conforto, Vivas. **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 8; Washington 2 for 7.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Imanaga	4.2	6	4	4	0	5	86	3.74
Rolison, W, 7-1	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	16	2.28
Thornton, H, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	2.65
Zeferjahn	0.2	3	2	2	1	0	23	3.93
Webb, S, 8-12	1.1	1	0	0	0	2	20	2.38

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Irvin, L, 2-6	3.1	4	5	5	2	4	88	5.79
Cosgrove	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	10	2.53
Kranick	1.0	2	1	1	2	0	35	8.68
Ribalta	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	15	3.50
Mikolas	3.0	1	1	1	0	2	39	5.82

T: 3:04. **A:** 23,428 (41,376).

Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 3

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Yoshida dh	5	0	1	0	0	2	.269
Rafaela cf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.287
Rutschman c	3	0	1	0	2	1	.252
Contreras 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Abreu rf	3	1	1	1	1	2	.254
Durbin 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Duran lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.202
Monasterio ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	.268
Sogard 2b	2	0	1	0	2	0	.259
Totals	31	3	7	3	7	8	

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McAdoo 3b	2	0	0	1	1	1	.172
Bateman cf	4	0	2	2	0	1	.273
V.Guerrero 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.261
Springer dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.235
Kirk c	3	0	2	0	1	0	.261
Smith pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.216
Valenzuela c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Clement 2b	4	0	0	1	0	0	.281
Giménez ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	.239
Straw lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.222
Lukes rf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.267
Totals	30	5	10	5	3	6	

Boston	001 110 000 —	3	7	1
Toronto	001 021 01x —	5	10	0

E: Durbin (7). **LOB:** Boston 9, Toronto 7. **2B:** Yoshida (15), Bateman (2), Straw (12). **HR:** Abreu (21), off Cease; Rafaela (16), off Cease. **RBIs:** Rafaela 2 (63), Abreu (64), Bateman 2 (3), McAdoo (5), Clement (40), Straw (19). **SB:** Abreu (8), Monasterio (4). **CS:** Duran (4). **SF:** Rafaela, McAdoo. **S:** Lukes. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 4 (Yoshida, Contreras, Duran, Rutschman); Toronto 5 (Lukes 3, V.Guerrero 2). **RISP:** Boston 0 for 7; Toronto 3 for 7. **GIDP:** Monasterio, Clement. **DP:** Boston 2 (Durbin, Sogard, Contreras; Durbin, Sogard, Contreras); Toronto 1 (Clement, V.Guerrero).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sandoval, L, 1-1	6.0	8	4	2	3	4	84	3.30
T.Guerrero	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2.03
Martinez	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	22	9.00

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cease	5.0	5	3	3	4	7	104	2.40
Lee, W, 1-0	1.2	1	0	0	2	0	25	3.86
Little, H, 3	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	6	9.98
Fisher, H, 12	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	22	3.60
Miles, S, 1-1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	14	3.20

T: 2:41. **A:** 42,419 (39,150).

Tigers 6, Guardians 4

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Kwan cf	4	2	2	0	1	0	.268
DeLauter rf	5	1	3	1	0	0	.281
Ramírez 3b	4	0	0	1	1	1	.235
Lowe 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Hoskins ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.181
Genao ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.368
Adell dh	2	1	1	2	2	0	.235
Bazzana 2b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.241
Martínez lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.235
Bailey c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.189
Rocchio ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Totals	34	4	9	4	7	5	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle 3b	4	1	2	3	0	1	.288
Torres 2b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.257
Outman rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.173
Dingler c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Greene lf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.273
Malgeri lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.267
Keith dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Torkelson 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	.228
Clark cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.293
Báez ss	2	2	1	0	1	0	.284
McKinstry rf-2b	2	1	0	0	1	0	.221
Totals	30	6	6	5	3	6	

Cleveland	001 000 111 —	4	9	1
Detroit	010 030 20x —	6	6	0

E: Ramírez (7). **LOB:** Cleveland 11, Detroit 4. **2B:** Torkelson (20), McGonigle (21). **HR:** DeLauter (13), off Anderson; Adell (17), off Finnegan. **RBIs:** DeLauter (57), Ramírez (37), Adell 2 (64), Torkelson (60), McGonigle 3 (48), Torres (30). **SB:** Genao (1). **CS:** Bazzana (5). **SF:** Adell. **RISP:** Cleveland 0 for 9; Detroit 3 for 8.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bibee, L, 4-12	6.1	5	6	5	2	4	96	3.99
Festa	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	11	4.22
Aleman	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	14	3.12

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Anderson	4.0	4	1	1	2	4	70	3.91
Waguspck, W, 1-1	2.0	2	0	0	1	0	25	1.52
Sommers, H, 8	0.2	1	1	0	1	1	18	3.60
Finnegn, H, 13	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	28	3.49
Holton, H, 11	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.77
Jansen, S, 14-18	1.0	1	1	1	2	0	29	3.98

T: 2:47. **A:** 30,709 (41,083).

Cardinals 2, Phillies 0

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Schwarber dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.251
Hill pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Turner ss	2	0	1	0	2	1	.249
Harper rf	2	0	0	0	2	0	.252
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.314
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Stott 3b	3	0	1	0	1	2	.266
Marsh lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.274
Bohm 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.228
Crawford cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Totals	28	0	5	0	7	5	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Herrera dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.249
Walker rf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.284
Burleson 1b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.285
Fermín lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.243
Church cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Winn ss	3	0	2	1	0	1	.245
Jordan 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Pereira cf-lf	3	1	1	1	0	2	.224
Pagés c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.209
Totals	28	2	6	2	1	9	

Philadelphia	000 000 000 —	0	5	0
St. Louis	000 000 11x —	2	6	0

LOB: Philadelphia 8, St. Louis 3. **HR:** Pereira (5), off Mayza. **RBIs:** Winn (49), Pereira (12). **SB:** Stott (23), Walker (15), Hill (13). **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 5 (Crawford, Marsh, Realmuto 3); St. Louis 0. **RISP:** Philadelphia 0 for 7; St. Louis 1 for 4. **DP:** Philadelphia 2 (Stott, Arraez, Bohm; Arraez, Turner, Bohm); St. Louis 4 (Winn, Burleson; Jordan, Winn, Burleson; Wetherholt, Winn, Burleson; Burleson, Pagés, Burleson).

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sánchez	6.0	4	0	0	0	7	89	2.54
McFarlane, L, 0-1	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	26	4.50
Mayza	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	13	3.58

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pallante	6.0	4	0	0	3	2	97	3.46
Soriano, W, 6-3	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	23	3.59
Ferguson	0.0	0	0	0	3	0	21	3.90
Stanek, H, 22	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.47
O'Brien, S, 30-35	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	3.14

T: 2:37. **A:** 27,222 (44,494).

PGA Tour Schedule

June 11-14 — RBC Canadian Open (Bud Cauley)
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July 9-12 — ISCO Championship (Steven Fisk)
July 16-19 — The Open Championship (Ryan Fox)
July 16-19 — Corales Puntacana Championship (Stefano Mazzoli)
July 23-26 — 3M Open (Jackson Koivun)
July 30-Aug. 2 — Rocket Classic (Michael Thorbjornsen)
Aug. 6-9 — Wyndham Championship (Michael Brennan)
Aug. 13-16 — FedEx St. Jude Championship, Memphis, Tenn.
Aug. 20-23 — BMW Championship, Saint Louis, Mo.
Aug. 27-30 — TOUR Championship, Atlanta
Sept. 17-20 — Biltmore Championship Asheville, Arden, N.C.
Sept. 24-27 — Presidents Cup, Medinah, Ill.
Oct. 1-4 — Bank of Utah Championship, Ivins, Utah
Oct. 8-11 — Baycurrent Classic, Kanagawa, Japan
Oct. 22-25 — Butterfield Bermuda Championship, Southampton, Bermuda
Oct. 29-Nov. 1 — VidantaWorld Mexico Open, Vallarta, Mexico
Nov. 5-8 — World Wide Technology Championship, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Nov. 12-15 — Good Good Championship, Austin, Texas
Nov. 19-22 — The RSM Classic, Sea Island, Ga.
Dec. 3-6 — Hero World Challenge, Nassau, Bahamas
Dec. 11-13 — Grant Thornton Invitational, Naples, Fla.

Reds 5, White Sox 4, 10 inn.

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
De La Cruz ss	4	1	1	2	0	1	.271
Stewart 1b-3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.254
Bleday lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.223
Stephenson c	4	0	1	2	0	1	.248
Suárez dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.206
Rodríguez rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.118
Myers cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.254
McLain 2b	4	2	1	0	0	0	.195
Hayes 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.138
Toglia ph-1b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.500
Totals	**36**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**1**	**10**	

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Doyle cf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.224
Benintendi ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Peters cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.264
Murakami 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.237
Vargas 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.235
Grichuk lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.261
B.Montgomery rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.230
C.Montgomery dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.213
Quero c	3	1	1	1	0	1	.197
Antonacci 2b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.273
Acuña ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.238
Totals	**36**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**0**	**11**	

Cincinnati	**000 010 030 1 –**	**5**	**7**	**0**
Chicago	**110 200 000 0 –**	**4**	**6**	**0**

LOB: Cincinnati 4, Chicago 4. **2B:** Suárez (14), Grichuk (15), Antonacci (16), Murakami (12). **HR:** Suárez (17), off S.Burke; Doyle (2), off Lodolo; Quero (3), off Lodolo; Vargas (25), off Lodolo. **RBIs:** Suárez (44), De La Cruz 2 (56), Stephenson 2 (35), Doyle (6), Quero (17), Vargas (68), Antonacci (35). **SF:** De La Cruz. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 1 (Myers); Chicago 4 (Peters, Grichuk, Acuña 2). **RISP:** Cincinnati 2 for 6; Chicago 1 for 9.

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lodolo	4.0	5	4	4	0	5	70	4.86
Mey	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	21	4.73
Johnson	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	4.67
Antone	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	9	2.84
B.Burke, W, 5-4	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	18	2.79
Pagán, S, 14-17	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	4.10

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
S.Burke	7.0	3	1	1	0	8	94	2.99
Hudson	0.0	3	3	3	0	0	10	3.26
Taylor, BS, 6-10	2.0	1	0	0	1	2	36	2.20
Newcomb, L, 1-3	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	10	2.66

T: 2:43. **A:** 38,113 (40,241).

Padres 11, Brewers 2

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turang ss-2b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.269
Chourio lf	2	0	0	1	0	0	.278
a-Lockridge ph-lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Mitchell cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.254
Bauers 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.269
Contreras c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.261
Yelich dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Sánchez p	1	0	0	0	0	1	.224
Lara rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.236
Hamilton 3b-ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.235
Bae 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500
Vaughn ph-3b	2	0	2	0	0	0	.301
Totals	**34**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**3**	**7**	

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Tatis rf	3	2	1	1	1	0	.281
Sheets rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Rengifo dh	5	1	2	4	0	0	.241
Machado 3b	4	1	3	0	0	0	.215
Song 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.207
France 1b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.292
Merrill cf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.247
Bowen cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.149
Hays lf	5	2	2	1	0	0	.265
Campusano c	4	2	3	3	1	0	.311
Bogaerts ss	4	0	1	0	1	1	.221
Cronenworth 2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.217
Totals	**41**	**11**	**17**	**11**	**3**	**5**	

Milwaukee	**001 000 001 –**	**2**	**7**	**2**
San Diego	**050 123 00x –**	**11**	**17**	**0**

E: Lockridge 2 (2). **LOB:** Milwaukee 9, San Diego 9. **2B:** Vaughn (16), Turang (28), Cronenworth (7), Merrill (19). **HR:** Rengifo (3), off Harrison; Tatis (12), off Harrison; Campusano (5), off Harrison. **RBIs:** Chourio (48), Turang (75), Cronenworth (18), Rengifo 4 (31), Tatis (55), Campusano 3 (19), Merrill (62), Hays (10). **RISP:** Milwaukee 1 for 10; San Diego 5 for 14.

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Harrison, L, 9-3	4.2	10	8	8	3	3	90	3.47
Wilson	2.1	5	3	3	0	2	39	4.91
Sánchez	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	19	0.00

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Buehler, W, 7-5	6.0	3	1	1	2	5	98	4.88
Peralta	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	14	3.39
Canning	2.0	3	1	1	1	2	35	6.59

T: 2:31. **A:** 40,534 (40,222).

Angels 3, Rangers 2

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Pederson dh	1	1	1	1	3	0	.251
Foscue ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Langford lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Seager ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.192
Nimmo rf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.278
Duran 3b	3	0	1	0	1	2	.272
Carter cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.190
Burger 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.235
Wynns c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.133
Kelenic ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.226
Díaz c	1	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Lopez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.272
Cauley ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Totals	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**4**	**11**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	4	1	2	1	0	1	.225
Trout cf	3	1	0	0	0	1	.235
Schanuel 1b	1	0	1	1	1	0	.272
Grissom 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.254
Guzman 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Peraza 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Ballesteros dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Siri lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Meckler rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.305
Heineman c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Totals	**25**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**1**	**3**	

Texas	**100 001 000 –**	**2**	**6**	**0**
Los Angeles	**003 000 00x –**	**3**	**5**	**0**

LOB: Texas 8, Los Angeles 2. **2B:** Neto (23), Grissom (16). **HR:** Pederson (22), off Johnson. **RBIs:** Pederson (45), Kelenic (5), Neto (52), Schanuel (42), Grissom (47). **SB:** Trout (9), Neto (15). **SF:** Schanuel. **S:** Heineman. **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 3 (Lopez, Carter, Seager); Los Angeles 1 (Peraza). **RISP:** Texas 1 for 8; Los Angeles 2 for 5. **DP:** Texas 2 (Duran, Lopez, Burger; Duran, Lopez, Burger).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bradford, L, 0-1	7.0	5	3	3	1	1	75	2.38
Silseth	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	3.18

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Johnson	4.1	3	1	1	2	5	84	6.71
Saucedo	0.2	1	1	1	1	1	15	5.40
Murphy, H, 3	1.2	2	0	0	1	0	26	3.38
Fermin, W, 4-2	1.1	0	0	0	0	3	12	3.12
Natera, S, 3-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	2.00

T: 2:17. **A:** 23,648 (45,517).

Rockies 3, Diamondbacks 2

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.303
Karros 3b	3	1	1	2	0	0	.265
Rumfield 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.294
Carrigg cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.295
Goodman c	4	1	1	0	0	0	.253
Castro 1b-3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.262
Moniak dh	3	0	0	1	0	1	.271
Beck rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.200
Norby 2b	2	0	0	0	1	2	.203
Tovar ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.205
Totals	**30**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**2**	**7**	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Nootbaar lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Locklear ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Carroll rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.241
Moreno dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.304
Marte 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.249
Arenado 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.245
Barrosa pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.205
McCann c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.292
Tawa 1b-cf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.236
Vargas ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Waldschmidt cf-lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.285
Totals	**34**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**0**	**7**	

Colorado	**000 002 100 –**	**3**	**6**	**0**
Arizona	**200 000 000 –**	**2**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Colorado 3, Arizona 5. **2B:** Beck (7), Carrigg (14). **3B:** Goodman (1), Arenado (1). **HR:** Karros (10), off Bratt; Carroll (17), off Sugano; Marte (21), off Sugano. **RBIs:** Karros 2 (44), Moniak (53), Carroll (56), Marte (66). **SB:** Tawa 2 (6), Carrigg (7), Barrosa (2). **SF:** Moniak. **RISP:** Colorado 0 for 5; Arizona 0 for 4. **LIDP:** Goodman. **GIDP:** McCarthy, Arenado. **DP:** Colorado 1 (Tovar, Norby, Rumfield); Arizona 2 (Vargas, Tawa; Arenado, Marte, Arenado).

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sugano, W, 12-5	6.0	6	2	2	0	5	93	4.43
Herget, H, 6	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	14	6.55
Brnrdino, H, 9	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	2.59
Romno, S, 11-14	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	6.27

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bratt	6.0	4	2	2	1	4	78	3.74
Ginkel, L, 5-4	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	13	3.71
Clarke	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	2.15
Morillo	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	23	2.42

T: 2:32. **A:** 21,002 (48,359).

Giants 4, Astros 1

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	5	0	0	0	0	2	.291
Alvarez dh	1	0	0	1	1	0	.322
Paredes 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.256
Altuve 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Allen 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Velázquez lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Wade ph-lf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.227
Varsho cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.235
C.Smith rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.226
Diaz c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.252
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**4**	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Lee rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.297
Adames ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	.223
Eldridge 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.248
Devers dh	2	1	0	0	2	1	.246
Bericoto lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.274
McCray lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.081
Gilbert cf	3	1	1	1	1	1	.238
Basabe 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.282
Cavanaugh c	4	1	2	1	0	0	.242
Koss 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.167
Totals	**33**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**3**	**8**	

Houston	**010 000 000 –**	**1**	**5**	**2**
San Francisco	**010 111 00x –**	**4**	**9**	**0**

E: Peña 2 (8). **LOB:** Houston 9, San Francisco 8. **2B:** Adames (25), Koss (2). **HR:** Eldridge (12), off Brown. **RBIs:** Alvarez (87), Gilbert (25), Cavanaugh (5), Eldridge (29), Koss (2). **SB:** Cavanaugh (1), Adames (5). **SF:** Alvarez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 3 (Paredes, Velázquez 2); San Francisco 7 (Koss 3, Bericoto, Lee 2, Devers). **RISP:** Houston 0 for 4; San Francisco 2 for 13.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown, L, 3-2	5.0	5	3	3	3	4	89	3.68
De Los Santos	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	11	4.18
Sousa	1.1	1	0	0	0	3	19	3.00
Blubaugh	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	18	3.56

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Whisenhunt, W, 3-3	5.2	4	1	1	3	2	96	6.11
Seymour, H, 2	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	30	7.36
Sanmartin, H, 1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	5	11.12
Brubaker, S, 2-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3.34

T: 2:36. **A:** 30,093 (41,915).

Tampa Bay 12, Athletics 4

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	5	3	1	1	0	0	.301
Aranda 1b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.285
Vilade 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Caminero 3b	3	2	1	2	1	1	.277
a-C.Williams ph-3b	1	1	1	3	0	0	.108
Hicks c	3	1	0	0	1	0	.280
Fortes c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.270
Simpson lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.307
Mesa rf	5	1	2	2	0	1	.219
Mullins cf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.204
Palacios 2b	4	2	2	0	1	2	.237
Walls ss	4	2	2	3	0	1	.216
Totals	**38**	**12**	**11**	**12**	**4**	**6**	

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McNeil 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.255
Muncy 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Gelof lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.277
Wilson ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.269
A.Williams ss	1	1	1	0	0	0	.264
Cortes dh	4	0	1	2	0	2	.258
Butler rf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.206
Heim c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Bolte cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.261
Walton 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.281
White 3b-1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**0**	**5**	

Tampa Bay	**201 301 230 –**	**12**	**11**	**0**
Athletics	**000 200 002 –**	**4**	**8**	**1**

E: Bolte (6). **LOB:** Tampa Bay 5, Athletics 2. **2B:** Cortes (13). **HR:** Caminero (35), off Barnett; Walls (1), off Barnett; Díaz (17), off Barnett; Walls (2), off Basso; Mesa (10), off Alvarado; C.Williams (1), off Tur; Butler (8), off Martinez. **RBIs:** Caminero 2 (76), Simpson (25), Walls 3 (28), Díaz (68), Mesa 2 (21), C.Williams 3 (6), Butler 2 (32), Cortes 2 (30). **SF:** Simpson. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 1 (Mullins); Athletics 1 (Heim). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 2 for 6; Athletics 1 for 3.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martinez, W, 12-3	9.0	8	4	4	0	5	101	2.74

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Barnett, L, 1-3	4.0	5	6	5	3	0	67	6.16
Basso	2.0	3	1	1	0	2	39	4.74
Alvarado	1.0	1	2	2	1	1	21	4.82
Tur	2.0	2	3	3	0	3	33	32.79

T: 2:25. **A:** 8,154 (14,014).

Marlins 2, Pirates 0

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Mangum cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.299
Lowe 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.251
Reynolds lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.266
Horwitz 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Gonzales 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.304
Simon dh	2	0	1	0	1	1	.300
Valdez rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Gonzalez ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Davis c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.176
Totals	**29**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**2**	**10**	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Edwards 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.284
Lopez ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.318
Conine 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.267
Pauley pr-1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.190
Hernández lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.224
Marsee cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.205
Sanoja 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.275
Caissie dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.228
Mack c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Ruiz rf	2	2	1	1	0	1	.266
Totals	**28**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**9**	

Pittsburgh	**000 000 000 –**	**0**	**4**	**2**
Miami	**001 010 00x –**	**2**	**5**	**0**

E: Gonzalez (1), Gonzales (10). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 4, Miami 5. **HR:** Ruiz (6), off Skenes. **RBIs:** Ruiz (11). **SB:** Ruiz (28). **CS:** Hernández (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 0; Miami 3 (Caissie 2, Conine). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 0 for 0; Miami 1 for 4. **GIDP:** Gonzalez, Sanoja. **DP:** Pittsburgh 2 (Lowe, Gonzalez, Horwitz; Davis, Lowe, Davis); Miami 1 (Edwards, Lopez, Conine).

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skenes, L, 9-11	5.0	5	2	1	1	4	65	3.88
Y.Ramírez	3.0	0	0	0	1	5	40	2.67

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Pérez, W, 6-9	7.0	3	0	0	2	7	100	3.39
Petersen, H, 19	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	16	2.92
Fairbanks, S, 18-21	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	6.03

T: 2:18. **A:** 9,366 (37,446).

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	**12**	**3**	**4**	**40**	**24**	**12**
Washington	11	5	3	36	29	17
Utah Royals FC	10	6	3	33	32	21
San Diego	10	7	2	32	24	20
Portland	9	6	4	31	32	28
North Carolina	9	6	3	30	32	26
Kansas City	9	7	3	30	30	26
Angel City	7	7	3	24	26	19
Seattle	7	7	3	24	22	23
Denver Summit FC	6	7	5	23	24	24
Orlando	7	10	2	23	23	29
Boston Legacy FC	5	9	5	20	22	28
Houston	5	8	5	20	20	26
Bay FC	5	9	4	19	18	24
Louisville	5	11	2	17	24	35
Chicago	4	13	1	13	9	33

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday

Kansas City at **Gotham FC**, 8pm
Denver Summit FC at San Diego, 10pm
Chicago at Seattle, 10pm
Bay FC at Utah Royals FC, 10pm

Saturday

Boston Legacy FC at Louisville, 6:30pm
Orlando at Portland, 8:45pm

Sunday

Houston at North Carolina, 7pm
Washington at Angel City, 9pm

Tennis

ATP National Bank Open

At IGA Stadium; Montreal; Purse: $9,415,725; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor; Tuesday (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles - Quarterfinals

Brandon Nakashima (28), United States, def. Luciano Darderi (19), Italy, 6-2, 6-3.
Rafael Jodar (20), Spain, def. Arthur Fils (18), France, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Ben Shelton (5), United States, def. Jakub Mensik (13), Czechia, 6-3, 6-1.
Learner Tien (12), United States, def. Daniel Merida, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.

WTA National Bank Open

At Sobeys Stadium; Toronto; Purse: $7,433,076; Surface: Hardcourt outdoor; TORONTO seedings in parentheses):

Coco Gauff (4), United States, def. Belinda Bencic (12), Switzerland, walkover
.Elena Rybakina (2), Kazakhstan, def. Naomi Osaka (11), Japan, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	20	12	.625	½
Indiana	21	12	.636	–
Washington	19	13	.594	1½
Liberty	20	14	.588	1½
Chicago	12	21	.364	9
Toronto	10	22	.313	10½
Connecticut	8	23	.258	12

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Minnesota	27	7	.794	–
Golden State	23	9	.719	3
Las Vegas	23	11	.676	4
Dallas	19	14	.576	7½
Portland	13	19	.406	13
Los Angeles	12	20	.375	14
Phoenix	13	22	.371	14½
Seattle	7	28	.200	20½

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday

Indiana 106, **Liberty** 92
Las Vegas 86, Washington 76
Phoenix 94, Los Angeles 87

Wednesday

Toronto at Dallas, 8pm
Chicago at Golden State, 10pm
Minnesota at Portland, 10pm

Thursday

Los Angeles at **Liberty**, 8pm
Atlanta at Connecticut, 7pm
Washington at Las Vegas, 10pm

Friday

Dallas at Indiana, 7:30pm
Portland at Seattle, 10pm

Fever 106, Liberty 92

Liberty

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Allen	24:18	4-6	0-0	1-2	1	1	11
Stewart	29:31	8-21	2-2	2-7	5	2	19
Jones	29:38	5-7	1-1	2-10	2	4	14
Astier	17:47	0-3	3-4	1-3	3	3	3
Ionescu	27:39	7-11	4-4	1-4	5	1	19
Johannes	17:36	3-10	0-0	0-0	1	0	8
Xu	17:05	3-7	1-2	2-5	1	1	7
Fauthoux	16:22	2-6	0-0	0-1	3	1	5
Gardner	16:18	3-4	0-0	4-6	2	4	6
Carrera	3:46	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Totals	200:00	35-76	11-13	13-39	23	18	92

Percentages: FG .461, FT .846. **3-point goals:** 11-36, .306 (Jones 3-4, Allen 3-5, Johannes 2-9, Fauthoux 1-3, Ionescu 1-5, Stewart 1-5, Carrera 0-1, Gardner 0-1, Xu 0-3). **Team rebounds:** 5. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 5 (Jones 3, Gardner, Xu). **Turnovers:** 13 (Ionescu 5, Fauthoux 4, Allen, Astier, Johannes, Jones). **Steals:** 7 (Ionescu 2, Xu 2, Johannes, Jones, Stewart). **Technicals:** Jones, 1:10 third.

Indiana

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Hull	17:56	2-2	0-0	1-1	1	2	5
Timpson	27:57	1-2	1-2	0-7	0	5	3
Boston	25:43	7-15	2-2	2-7	4	2	19
Clark	34:50	7-15	4-4	0-4	10	2	22
Mitchell	31:12	11-16	2-3	1-3	3	1	28
Cunningham	22:04	4-5	0-0	0-2	0	3	12
Billings	17:27	4-8	6-6	0-1	1	1	14
Harris	11:25	0-1	1-2	0-0	3	0	1
Hines-Allen	7:57	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	1	2
Johnson	2:33	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Russell	0:56	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200:00	37-69	16-19	4-27	22	17	106

Percentages: FG .536, FT .842. **3-point goals:** 16-25, .640 (Mitchell 4-4, Cunningham 4-5, Clark 4-8, Boston 3-5, Hull 1-1, Hines-Allen 0-2). **Team rebounds:** 7. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 4 (Boston, Cunningham, Harris, Hines-Allen). **Turnovers:** 11 (Clark 4, Timpson 3, Mitchell 2, Boston, Hines-Allen). **Steals:** 7 (Billings 2, Mitchell 2, Boston, Clark, Hines-Allen). **Technicals:** None.

Liberty	23	23	21	25 –	92
Indiana	29	35	23	19 –	106

A: 16,507 (20,000).

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	2	4	40	35	14
Inter Miami CF	11	2	5	38	45	32
New England	9	6	3	30	28	23
Chicago	9	6	2	29	32	23
NYCFC	7	6	5	26	31	24
Cincinnati	7	6	5	26	45	44
Charlotte FC	7	7	4	25	29	27
Red Bulls	7	7	4	25	29	39
D.C. United	5	5	8	23	26	29
Orlando City	6	10	2	20	30	47
Columbus	5	8	5	20	26	28
Toronto FC	3	7	8	17	24	32
Philadelphia	4	10	4	16	25	33
CF Montréal	4	10	4	16	24	35
Atlanta	3	12	3	12	19	33

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	4	34	38	17
Los Angeles FC	10	5	4	34	35	19
San Jose	10	5	3	33	37	24
Houston	10	6	2	32	27	24
Real Salt Lake	8	6	3	27	29	25
FC Dallas	7	5	6	27	32	25
St Louis City	7	6	5	26	24	24
Portland	7	8	3	24	33	33
Seattle FC	7	7	3	24	20	22
Minn. United	6	6	6	24	20	25
Colorado	7	10	1	22	27	25
LA Galaxy	5	7	7	22	24	29
San Diego FC	5	7	6	21	32	29
Austin FC	4	9	5	17	22	36
Sporting K.C.	4	12	2	14	18	46

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Saturday

Red Bulls at Atlanta, 7:30pm
Columbus at Charlotte FC, 7:30pm
D.C. United at CF Montréal, 7:30pm
Cincinnati at Orlando City, 7:30pm
New England at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
LA Galaxy at Houston, 8:30pm
Miami at Nashville, 8:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Colorado, 9:30pm
Minnesota at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
San Diego FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
St Louis City at San Jose, 10:30pm

Sunday

Philadelphia at **NYCFC**, 6pm
Portland at Chicago, 6pm
FC Dallas at Austin FC, 8:30pm
Vancouver at Seattle FC, 10:30pm

NFL Preseason

Thursday

Detroit at Cincinnati, 7pm
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 7pm
Indianapolis at New England, 7:30pm
Arizona at Las Vegas, 8pm
L.A. Chargers at Houston, 8pm
Tennessee at San Francisco, 9pm

Friday

Tampa Bay at **Jets**, 7pm
Denver at Atlanta, 7pm
Miami at Washington, 7pm

Saturday

Minnesota at **Giants**, 1pm
Carolina at Buffalo, 1pm
Cleveland at Chicago, 1pm
Jacksonville at New Orleans, 4pm
L.A. Rams at Kansas City, 4pm
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 7pm
Dallas at Seattle, 8pm

Soccer

Leagues Cup

Pachuca 1, FC Charlotte 0
Columbus Crew 1, Pumas UNAM 1
(Columbus Crew wins 3-2 on penalties)
Atlas 2, FC Cincinnati 1
Minnesota United FC 3, Atlante 1
Real Salt Lake 3, FC Juarez 0
Tigres UANL 1, Vancouver Whitecaps 1
(Tigres UANL wins 5-4 on penalties)

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MLB

Wednesday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
YANKEES	**$101-124**	Mariners
BRAVES	**$134-165**	**Mets**
Orioles	**-105-117**	TWINS
Rays	**$157-181**	ATHLETICS
TIGERS	**$109-134**	Guardians
Red Sox	**$108-132**	BLUE JAYS
ANGELS	**OFF**	Rangers
Phillies	**$131-163**	CARDINALS
D'BACKS	**$153-176**	Rockies
Brewers	**$101-124**	PADRES
MARLINS	**OFF**	Pirates
NATIONALS	**OFF**	Cubs
Astros	**$161-185**	GIANTS
WHITE SOX	**$121-150**	Reds
DODGERS	**$186-233**	Royals

WNBA

Wednesday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
WINGS	**9.5 (183.5)**	Tempo
Lynx	**12.5 (184.5)**	FIRE
VALKYRIES	**9.5 (164.5)**	Sky

NFL Exhibition- Week 1

Thursday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
BENGALS	**6.5 (38.5)**	Lions
Packers	**1.5 (39.5)**	STEELERS
Colts	**2.5 (36.5)**	PATRIOTS
TEXANS	**1.5 (36.5)**	Chargers
RAIDERS	**1.5 (41.5)**	Cardinals
Titans	**4.5 (40.5)**	49ERS

Friday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
JETS	**6 (35.5)**	Buccaneers
Broncos	**5.5 (38.5)**	FALCONS
Dolphins	**2.5 (36.5)**	COMMANDERS

Saturday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Vikings	**1.5 (41.5)**	**GIANTS**
BILLS	**1.5 (37.5)**	Panthers
Browns	**1.5 (39.5)**	BEARS
SAINTS	**3.5 (36.5)**	Jaguars
CHIEFS	**2.5 (36.5)**	Rams
Eagles	**2.5 (36.5)**	RAVENS
SEAHAWKS	**3.5 (39.5)**	Cowboys

Home team in CAPS

SPORTS SHORTS

NFL: Vikings tap Murray as starting QB

The Vikings are naming **Kyler Murray** as their starting quarterback, ESPN reported.

Signed to a one-year deal in the offseason after being released by the Cardinals, Murray is getting the nod over incumbent **J.J. McCarthy**. He will become the fourth different quarterback to begin the season for the Vikings, following **Kirk Cousins** (2023), **Sam Darnold** (2024) and McCarthy (2025).

● Raiders quarterbacks **Kirk Cousins** and **Fernando Mendoza** will both play Thursday night when Las Vegas hosts the Cardinals in a preseason game, but coach **Klint Kubiak** wouldn't provide details on how much playing time they and their teammates would get.

● Chiefs wide receiver **Rashee Rice** called his time in jail this summer a "learning experience and a reality check" in his first public comments since last season. Rice, 26, was released from a Texas jail in mid-June after serving a 30-day sentence for testing positive for THC.

● Bears safety **Coby Bryant** will miss four to six months after he had surgery on his injured left knee, coach **Ben Johnson** said. Bryant signed a three-year, $40 million deal as a free agent this offseason.

● Packers running back **Josh Jacobs** remains sidelined with a groin injury and won't be a full participant in training camp workouts anytime soon.

MLB: Red Sox lose fourth straight

Ernie Clement drove in the tiebreaking run in the sixth inning, **Brett Bateman** had two RBIs and the Blue Jays beat the Red Sox 5-3 in Toronto. The Red Sox lost their fourth straight. It's Boston's longest skid since losing four in a row June 7-10.

● In Detroit, **Kevin McGonigle** drove in three runs and the Tigers won for the eighth time in 10 games, topping the Guardians 6-4.

● In West Sacramento, Calif., **Taylor Walls** homered from both sides of the plate for the second time in his career, **Nick Martinez** tossed a complete game and the Rays won their eighth straight game, 12-4 over the Athletics.

● In Washington, **Pete Crow-Armstrong**, **Alex Bregman** and **Seiya Suzuki** homered, and the Cubs rallied from an early deficit to beat the Nationals 8-6.

● In St. Louis, **Andre Pallante** gave up four hits over six innings to help the Cardinals beat the Phillies 2-0.

● In Chicago, **Elly De La Cruz** drove in automatic runner **Matt McLain** with a sacrifice fly in the top of the 10th inning as the Reds snapped a three-game skid with a 5-4 comeback win over the White Sox.

● In San Diego, **Luis Rengifo** hit a grand slam against the Brewers seven weeks after they released him, and the Padres beat the Brewers 11-2.

WNBA: Aces end Mystics' win streak

A'ja Wilson had 26 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks for her 17th double-double this season, **Jackie Young** added 25 points and eight assists, and the Las Vegas Aces ended the Washington Mystics' seven-game winning streak with an 86-76 victory on Tuesday night in Las Vegas.

TOP PLAY

Runs early & often in Dixie

By ERICH RICHTER

The Mets have had quite a turnaround since the trade deadline, going 6-1 with an MLB-high 15 home runs entering Tuesday.

They opened as slight +125 underdogs to the Braves and are throwing rookie Zac Thornton (3-2, 2.52 ERA) against Atlanta's deadline acquisition Tyler Mahle (3-9, 4.83).

Mahle had his best start of the season in his Braves debut, hurling six shutout innings against the Yankees with nine strikeouts.

Regression is coming for Thornton, according to the advanced analytics, as his xERA sits at 4.63 compared to his currently sparkling 2.52. Asking him to continue these results is unrealistic thanks to a 39.8 percent hard-hit rate and an average exit velocity of 89.3 mph.

So the Mets are deserving underdogs in this game, and I will not be betting on them at the current moneyline price. Instead, I think the Over is a fruitful wager.

Fanatics currently has Over 7.5 total runs coming in at -150, at open.

At least one run to be scored in the first inning is -103 on Kalshi, and while Thornton has been excellent, I expect him to regress and allow multiple runs to be scored Wednesday, while Mahle really struggled for the Giants and I don't suspect everything to completely change for him now that he's in Atlanta.

THE PLAY: Mets-Braves Over 7.5 total runs (-150, Fanatics); Yes runs first inning (-103, Kalshi).

Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026			'25 vs OPP		CAREER	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Mariners	Miller (R)		4-6	3.08	4-9	0-0	0.00	0-2	0-2	15.2	6.32
Yankees	Warren (R)	(7:05pm)	8-6	4.18	14-8	1-0	1.69	1-0	1-2	15.0	5.40
Mets	Thornton (L)		3-2	2.52	3-4	1-0	4.26	1-0	2-1	16.0	3.38
Braves	Mahle (R)	(7:15pm)	3-9	4.83	6-13	0-1	9.00	0-3	1-0	17.2	2.55
Astros	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Giants	TBD	(3:45pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reds	Lowder (R)		4-7	5.26	8-9	—	—	0-0	1-0	17.0	3.18
White Sox	Castillo (R)	(7:40pm)	3-9	5.30	6-12	—	—	0-2	0-1	16.0	7.31
Royals	Lynch (L)		4-3	2.46	0-1	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-1	1.2	16.20
Dodgers	TBD	(10:10pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Orioles	Baz (R)		4-11	3.76	6-17	0-0	6.75	0-1	0-2	18.2	1.93
Twins	Matthews (R)	(1:40pm)	5-8	5.23	7-8	0-0	0.00	0-1	1-1	16.0	4.50
Rays	Rasmussen (R)		11-5	2.75	13-9	1-0	5.00	2-0	3-0	20.0	0.00
Athletics	TBD	(3:05pm)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guardians	Griffin (L)		12-4	3.31	17-6	0-0	0.00	1-0	1-2	16.0	7.88
Tigers	Valdez (L)	(6:40pm)	7-7	4.17	10-13	0-1	7.20	3-1	2-0	19.0	1.89
Red Sox	Suarez (L)		4-3	3.32	12-8	1-0	0.00	2-0	0-0	11.2	4.63
Blue Jays	Soriano (R)	(7:07pm)	9-6	3.24	13-10	0-0	0.00	0-1	1-0	16.2	1.62
Rangers	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Angels	Klassen (R)	(10:10pm)	0-1	7.27	2-1	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	8.2	7.27
Phillies	Wheeler (R)		10-3	2.69	14-5	0-1	6.00	4-4	0-1	10.1	7.84
Cardinals	Leahy (R)	(2:15pm)	8-4	3.44	10-12	0-0	0.00	1-0	1-0	17.0	2.65
Rockies	Feltner (R)		4-6	5.71	7-10	0-0	0.00	1-3	1-2	16.1	6.61
D'Backs	Kelly (R)	(3:40pm)	8-9	4.88	9-12	1-0	1.00	10-3	0-1	16.1	3.31
Brewers	May (R)		6-7	4.30	11-11	1-1	1.20	3-5	1-0	17.0	1.59
Padres	Ray (L)	(4:10pm)	10-7	3.24	13-9	0-0	0.00	3-1	2-1	17.0	2.65
Pirates	TBD		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marlins	Junk (R)	(6:40pm)	5-7	4.63	7-9	0-0	11.25	0-0	1-1	12.2	2.13
Cubs	Peterson (L)		6-7	5.35	7-8	1-1	8.31	8-2	1-0	17.0	2.12
Nationals	Mikolas (R)	(6:45pm)	3-9	5.89	5-6	0-1	7.20	6-9	0-2	15.0	7.80

* **REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Orioles, Baz will pin Twins

"That run the Red Sox scored Monday night? It never happened. Glad it didn't affect the outcome and your Blue Jays bet."
— Sean, Woodside

Thanks, Sean. The last time both teams forgot how many outs there were, I was guarding the hot corner at the softball/beer fundraiser. Sometimes you have to "chug it up" for a good cause. And that delay in the Sox-Jays game took almost as long as the Luigi Mangione pretrial.

"Your reference to Oil Can Boyd validates your baseball knowledge. Your picks, not so much."
— Digger

Our picks have been squeaky clean lately, Digger. The Orioles are at Minnesota. Both teams have losing records yet find themselves in the thick of the AL wild-card race. We will take Shane Baz and the O's for $50.

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Not in the Cards. Cristopher Sánchez and Andre Pallante tossed six-inning shutouts. The Cards pen was spotless. Phillies pen leaked. Final, 2-0 Cards. Down -573 jimbunnings.

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Home Team Lineups

HOME AWAY

	TODAY Aug. 12	THU Aug. 13	FRI Aug. 14	SAT Aug. 15	SUN Aug. 16
	Seattle 7:05 ESPN 660 AM 101.9 FM	Seattle 1:35 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Toronto 7:15 Apple TV 660 AM 101.9 FM	Toronto 3:07 YES 660 AM	Toronto 1:37 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
	Atlanta 7:15 SNY 880 AM	NO GAME	Washington 7:10 PIX11 880 AM	Washington 4:10 SNY FS1 880 AM	Washington 1:40 SNY 880 AM
	NO GAME	Los Angeles 8:00 Prime Video	NO GAME	Connecticut 1:00 Fox 5	NO GAME

Saturday		Friday	
	Preseason: Minnesota 1:00 WNBC 4 101.9 FM		Preseason: Tampa Bay 7:00 WCBS 2 104.3 FM

Saturday		Thursday		Friday	
	Atlanta United 7:30 Apple TV		Necaxa 7:30 Apple TV		KC Current 8:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
4 p.m.	Brewers at Padres	MLBN
7:05 p.m.	Mariners at Yankees	ESPN, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
7:15 p.m.	Mets at Braves	SNY, 880 AM
10 p.m.	Rangers at Angels	ESPN
WNBA BASKETBALL		
8 p.m.	Tempo at Wings	USA
10 p.m.	Sky at Valkyries	CNBC, USA
MEN'S SOCCER		
3 p.m.	UEFA Super Cup: Aston Villa vs. Paris Saint-Germain	CBSSN
8 p.m.	Leagues Cup: Monterrey at Nashville SC	FS1, Apple TV, UniMas
10 p.m.	Leagues Cup: Puebla at San Diego FC	FS1, Apple TV
TENNIS		
6 p.m.	ATP/WTA Canada: Semifinals	Tennis
GOLF		
3 p.m.	USGA: 2026 U.S. Amateur, Round of 64	NBCSN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER		
8 p.m.	LSU at Wake Forest	ACCN
9 p.m.	Duke at Southern Cal	BTN
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL		
2 p.m.	2026 MLB High School All-American Game: Team Thome vs. Team Hunter	MLBN
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES REGIONALS		
11 a.m.	Midwest Semifinal: Davenport, IA vs. Columbia, Mo.	ESPN
1 p.m.	New England Semifinal: Richmond, Vt. vs. Gray, Me.	ESPN
3 p.m.	Northwest Semifinal: West Valley, ID/Tacoma, Wash. vs. Bend, Ore.	ESPN
5 p.m.	Metro Semifinal: Darien, Conn. vs. Port Washington, N.Y.	ESPN
7 p.m.	Great Lakes: Jasper, Ind./La Grange, Ky. vs. Hamilton, Oh.	ESPN2
9 p.m.	West: Kapaa Hi./Bonita, Calif. vs. Chandler, Ariz	ESPN2
HORSE RACING		
1 p.m.	Saratoga Live	FS2
MEN'S RUGBY		
5:45 a.m.(Thu.)	NRL: Sydney at Penrith	FS2

GOLF

Favorites to win 2026 FedEx Cup

GOLFER	ODDS	GOLFER	ODDS
Scottie Scheffler	+350	Si Woo Kim	25/1
Rory McIlroy	+900	Chris Gotterup	28/1
Cam Young	14/1	Hideki Matsuyama	28/1
Xander Schauffele	14/1	Russell Henley	28/1
Ludvig Åberg	16/1	Viktor Hovland	28/1
Tommy Fleetwood	16/1	Min Woo Lee	33/1
Sam Burns	18/1	Wyndham Clark	33/1
Matt Fitzpatrick	22/1	Ryan Gerard	40/1
Collin Morikawa	25/1	Justin Rose	45/1

ODDS & ENDS

GOLF

Favorites to win FedEx St. Jude Championship
Thursday-Sunday, Memphis, Tenn.

PLAYER	ODDS
Scottie Scheffler	+480
Rory McIlroy	15/1
Sam Burns	20/1
Xander Schauffele	20/1
Collin Morikawa	22/1
Tommy Fleetwood	22/1
Cameron Young	22/1
Hideki Matsuyama	25/1
Ludvig Åberg	27/1
Matt Fitzpatrick	27/1
Si Woo Kim	30/1
Justin Thomas	30/1
Viktor Hovland	33/1
Chris Gotterup	33/1
Patrick Cantlay	33/1
Russell Henley	35/1
Jackson Koivun	40/1
Ryan Gerard	45/1
Robert MacIntyre	45/1
Wyndham Clark	45/1
Michael Brennan	45/1
Tom Kim	52/1
Min Woo Lee	55/1
J.J. Spaun	55/1
Michael Thorbjornsen	55/1
Justin Rose	60/1
Maverick McNealy	60/1
Rickie Fowler	60/1
Ben Griffin	60/1
Akshay Bhatia	60/1
Kurt Kitayama	65/1
Aaron Rai	65/1
Alex Fitzpatrick	70/1
Shane Lowry	70/1
Alex Smalley	80/1
Harris English	80/1
Jacob Bridgeman	80/1
Jake Knapp	80/1
Kristoffer Reitan	80/1

LPGA Standard Portland Classic
Thursday-Sunday, Portland, Ore.

PLAYER	ODDS
Haeran Ryu	+550
Jeeno Thitikul	+600
Lottie Woad	15/1
Ruoning Yin	16/1
Aki Iwai	20/1
Jin Hee Im	22/1
Esther Henseleit	27/1
Lauren Coughlin	27/1
Somi Lee	27/1
Hye-Jin Choi	30/1
Hannah Green	30/1
Minami Katsu	30/1
Celine Boutier	33/1
Chizzy Iwai	33/1
Mao Saigo	35/1

BET SMART

Sign up for Fitz FedEx delivery

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MATT'LL DO IT! Don't let a missed cut at the Open Championship throw you off the scent of Matt Fitzpatrick. Michael Leboff is picking Fitzpatrick, a three-time winner on tour this season, at 27/1 odds to capture this week's FedEx St. Jude playoff opener.

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

We've reached the postseason on the PGA Tour.

This week's FedEx St. Jude Championship at TPC Southwind in Memphis, Tenn., kicks off a three-tournament playoff, with the finale coming at the Tour Championship in East Lake at the end of the month.

Seventy players are in the field this week, but only the top 50 in the FedEx Cup Standings will qualify for the BMW Championship, the middle leg of this end-of-season sprint. The top 30 after that will make it to East Lake. Capisce?

Because of its field size and the course it's played on, the St. Jude is normally the most unpredictable tournament in the PGA Tour postseason. Justin Rose made us quite happy when he won this puppy as a 100/1 long shot in 2025, but he's not the only roughie to lift the trophy. Abraham Ancer was a 50/1 outsider when he took it down in 2021, and column mainstay Lucas Glover was 90/1 in 2023.

In between those dark horses were household names: Brooks Koepka (2019), Justin Thomas (2020) and Hideki Matsuyama (2024). Will Zalatoris was considered a rising power when he won the St. Jude at 30/1 in 2022.

Scottie Scheffler, still stuck on just one win (and 11 top 5 finishes) in 17 starts in 2026, is the chalk at +480 (FanDuel), more than one-third the price of second-favorite Rory McIlroy at 15/1.

After McIlroy, there are 10 golfers between 20/1 and 30/1. That's where we'll start our card:

Top of the board: Matt Fitzpatrick (27/1, FanDuel)

Last seen missing the cut at the Open Championship, bettors are seemingly abandoning ship on Fitzpatrick this week. Fine by me.

If you draw a line through the Open, which is an outlier event in the grand scheme of a PGA Tour season, you'll see nothing but success for the Sheffield native in 2026. Fitzpatrick won three PGA Tour tournaments (one of which was a team event), racked up seven top 5 finishes (including two runners-up), and was 25th or better in 13 of his 18 starts.

Before his MC at Royal Birkdale, Fitzpatrick had finished T3 at the Scottish Open, fourth at the Travelers, 22nd at the U.S. Open, and second at the Canadian Open.

Fitzpatrick also seems to enjoy the conditions of TPC Southwind, as he's got three top 10 finishes in seven starts in Memphis.

Sleeper: Tom Kim (52/1, DraftKings)

Kim's stock has risen steadily down the stretch of the 2026 campaign.

Not only did he snag a win at the Scottish Open, but he's got three top 5 finishes in his most recent six starts, including at last week's Wyndham Championship.

Despite his hot form, bookmakers continue to deal tempting prices on Kim. Not that we're complaining.

Long shot: Sungjae Im (95/1, DraftKings)

It's been a frustrating campaign for Im and his backers. The South Korean has flirted with his third career win (and first since 2021) on a number of occasions, but he just hasn't been able to get over the hump.

Recent results have been quite encouraging, though, as Im has posted three top 15 finishes in his last four outings, including a T14 at the Wyndham.

Throw in some strong course history — he finished sixth here in 2023 and has three top 20s in his last three visits — and a great number, and there's enough to get in on Im.

DRESS CODES

Isles narrow alternate jersey options to 8

By ALEX MITCHELL

It's sweater weather in an August heatwave.

The Islanders whittled down the number of publicly designed submissions for the team's 2027 season alternate jerseys from 80,490 to eight, and a "March Madness-style fan vote" is on the way for what's become a passion project for the players and staff alike.

"We had [Matthew] Schaefer, [Bo] Horvat, [Kyle] Palmieri, [Ondrej] Palat, [Jean-Gabriel] Pageau, [Ryan] Pulock, [Mathew] Barzal, [Alexander] Romanov all actively involved in this process," Isles president of business operations Kelly Cheeseman told The Post. "Many other alumni reached out. ... [Bryan Trottier] and Matt Martin and some of those guys were actively involved in it."

The final eight designs include two of four logo styles: a lighthouse, a fisherman and the words "Isles" or spelled out "Islanders."

That is in addition to the "NY" hockey stick without the traditional backdrop of Long Island, which was featured on the team's previous alternates that were retired in 2024.

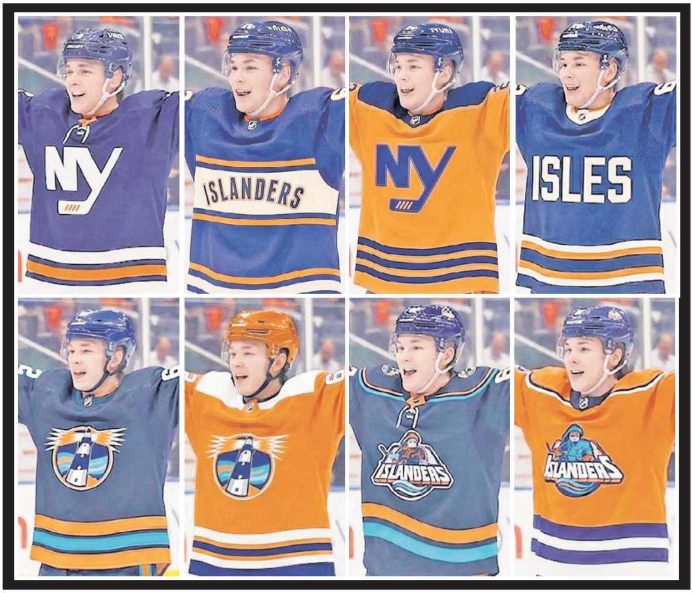
One fisherman jersey is navy, similar to the Islanders 2022 Reverse Retro style, but includes teal trim instead of white. The alternate is orange with a lighter shade of blue.

The lighthouse designs follow suit, but the navy iteration has a noticeably electric teal drop shadow around the numbering.

The "NY" options are either navy with a white logo and trim or an orange jersey and blue "NY" logo.

Both designs for the "Isles" and "Islanders" are navy, orange and cream white.

The same two types of jersey crests, like fisherman vs. fisherman, will be pitted against each other in a quarterfinal vote Aug. 12-14. Final four ballot boxes open Aug. 15-17, and then Aug. 18-20 for the remaining two.



"I had in my mind that 3,000 to 5,000 [entries] would be a home run, and 1,500 would be a success," Cheeseman said. "I definitely did not see this coming, and it's just exciting."

Cheeseman added that the lighthouse logo, which was worn only as a shoulder patch on the team's "wave"-style jerseys of the late 1990s, led the way with 26 percent of fans submitting it as the main crest.

Navy and orange-colored jerseys, like those of the team's early to mid-2000s look, came in at 19 percent, while traditional Isles blue comprised 21 percent of entries.

"I would love to see an orange," Cheeseman confessed of a hopeful winner. "I think that's a great brand addition."

He also said that predominantly white or cream-colored jerseys, while popular with fans, posed a logistical challenge for visiting teams that could cut into their ice time.

"You can't wear those at home as much," Cheeseman said, "because you've got to get the other team to come in with their darks."

The organization also gave fans incredible free rein to concoct a tarp that didn't have to conform to the team's traditional color sets. Other teams like the Devils and Jets teased the Islanders on social media by making jerseys in their own palettes.

A healthy scratch was immediately given to nearly 30,000 "that were different colors and irregular, off brand" — like a Frankenjersey of purple, green and yellow that The Post designed to test the competition's limits.

Still, that left about 50,000 seriously considered submissions that fans worked up in the nearly 2 $1/2$-week window. Plenty of folks bypassed the design website the Islanders created as well.

"I received many FedExes and passionate emails from people that did their own designs and AI designs or their own creative designs," Cheeseman said. "Unfortunately, we couldn't use those. But just seeing the passion of the fans to really get behind this and submit their ideas and their concepts was really rewarding to me."

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CBS prez: Romo stays on sideline for now following DUI

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

The "NFL on CBS" is keeping Tony Romo on the bench.

President of CBS Sports David Berson said Tuesday that the status of Romo, who was indefinitely put on leave after his arrest for driving under the influence last month, has not changed.

"It's an evolving situation and therefore we are still assessing," Berson said. "There is no timetable or final decision at this time."

He added, "I hope you can respect and appreciate this is a personnel matter and a legal one for Tony, so I can't speak to that aspect of things."

Why was Romo put on leave before the legal process plays out with his Sept. 21 court date?

"In making this decision, we have to consider the impact on our image and our brand," Berson said. "That's very important to us. The focus should be and needs to be on our presentation and this great product and not on any other factors. Fortunately, we have a deep bench, and I'm really proud of the way everybody is stepping up and responding."

Romo, 46, was arrested July 23 in Wisconsin and charged with operating while intoxicated (OWI) — a term interchangeably used in some Midwestern states with driving under the influence (DUI).

It is considered a traffic violation, not a criminal charge, in Wisconsin and he is facing up to $1,568.50 in fines. CBS placed Romo on leave "until further notice" July 31 after more details of the arrest were revealed. J.J. Watt was tapped to replace Romo as CBS' top booth analyst and Jim Nantz's partner.

The former Cowboys quarterback reportedly is owed $72 million over the next four years on an industry-changing 10-year, $180 million commitment that CBS handed out in 2020, when Romo was widely considered the top analyst in the game because of his foresight of what plays were about to be called.

That high-bar reputation took a hit in recent years, and questions were raised about whether he was putting in the same level of preparation as listeners grew tired of his style.

Romo's contract reportedly includes an industry-standard morals clause, though it is unclear whether this arrest would be considered reason to terminate with cause.

A citation previously viewed by The Post says Romo drove in the marked right distress lane to pass vehicles in lanes one and two during rush-hour traffic before he "cut across the marked gore" to get to where he wanted to go.

After playing in the Wisconsin Amateur Championship golf tournament, Romo told police that he had zero drinks and was on his way to visit "Grandma and Grandpa."

One officer claimed Romo had an "open bottle of an alcoholic beverage" located on the passenger side of his black Jeep, performed poorly on field sobriety tests and was later cited for "refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest."

"I've heard from all the lawyers don't ever do that," Romo told officers on recorded footage. "So, we're not going to do that."

Romo has not publicly commented on his arrest or job status.

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Saratoga

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day | **Brillante (5th)**
Lock Record: 11 for 23 (48%)
Meet Record: 60/248 $413.62

1 2 3/8 miles(T); $75,000; Michael G. Walsh; stplchs

Euro-bred jumper **KING AI** makes his US debut in the Michael Walsh. Won last jump start at Ascot in March. Never raced more than 2 miles. **CYBER NINJA** was 2nd and **LORD FLINTSHIRE** was a disappointing 6th when they met in the Kiser, this distance. **FEELING FESTIVE** makes stakes debut after winning 2 of 3.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Lord Flintshire,152	S Mulqueen	6-4-7	Brion	8-1
2	King Al(GB),152	C Pritchard	x-x-x	Garner	6-1
3	Feeling Festive(IRE),155	F Procter	1-2-1	Kingsley	3-1
4	Cyber Ninja,158	J Bargary	2-5-1	Fisher	5-2
5	Lynches Knock(IRE),146	C Tierney	3-5-x	Hendriks	12-1
6	Famous Figure(IRE),152	G Watters	7-1-x	Hendriks	5-1
7	Philip My Dear,155	J Power	2-1-7	Neilson	4-1
8	Alpamayo,152	E Dwan	5-8-1	Murphy	15-1

2 5 1/2 fur; $62,000; mdn clm($55,000); 2YO(f)

Two-year-old fillies to back-end the double. **BROWN SUGAR BETTY** (Brion/Santana/Independence Hall) offers fair first out value. **BUSINESS MATH** raced wide in the mud and debuted a distant 6th of 7. Moves lower for Asmussen; J Ortiz stays on. McPeek takes **JUNEAU** lower after finishing 2nd then a wide 7th. Rider chage to Saez. **BEECHWOODS BEST** (Brown/Franco/Global Campaign) and **MADISON MOON** (Sharp/Irad/Raging Bull) load the gate first time as well.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Madison Moon,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Sharp	8-1
2	Juneau,123	L Saez	7-2-x	McPeek	5-1
3	Dream About,123	K Carmouche	x-x-x	Stall	7-2
4	Business Math,123	J Ortiz	6-x-x	Asmussen	3-1
5	Boxajoe N Tootzrol,123	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Barrera III	15-1
6	My Bestie,123	S Bridgmohan	x-x-x	Giddings	8-1
7	Quality Spring,123	K Rivera	6-3-x	Delgado	15-1
8	Beechwood's Best,123	M Franco	x-x-x	C Brown	9-2
9	Brown Sugar Betty,123	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	Brion	8-1

3 5 1/2 fur(T); $62,000; mdn clm($55,000); 3up

We watched **LOTS OF KISSES** finish a close 3rd, a nose back of **RP BYRNE** who was 2nd, while **SOLAIA** was 2 lengths back in 4th. Lots of Kisses had a troubled start and gets a rider change to Irad if he returns from injury.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Free Spin Kim,122	K Davis	7-7-x	Breed	30-1
2	Key Actress(L),126	M Franco	6-3-3	Rice	4-1
3	Ilenas Kaz Way(L),122	E Gonzalez	5-x-x	Synnefias	8-1
4	R P Byrne(IRE)(L),122	J Rodriguez	2-2-5	Ward	3-1
5	Katerina Ristova(L),126	O Hrndz Mreno	8-9-5	Chichakly	50-1
6	Miel Et Citron(L),126	S Bridgmohan	10-6-10	Seyler	50-1
7	Lots of Kisses(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	3-8-4	Maker	7-5
8	Sweet Mackenzie(L),126	C Elliott	7-5-4	Antonucci	10-1
9	Solaia(L),122	K Carmouche	4-4-2	Atras	8-1
10	Bengalese(L),126	D Rivera	5-5-4	Barrera III	30-1

4 6 1/2 fur; $76,000; clm($45,000); 4up

Pick Six carryover of $192,000+. Good luck. **CLASSIC TIME** (Norm Casse, Oaklawn) and **INEXORABLE** (Linda Rice, Churchill) move lower after missing by 7 lengths. Classic Time won back-to-back starts earlier this year under Saez. Inexorable scored at this distance in April. **RUN CLASSIC** and **MISCHIEVOUS M** moved lower and both lost by a 1/2 length. Run Classic is 0 for 5 this year. Mischievous M is 0 for 7.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mischievous M(L),121	M Franco	2-4-5	Kantarmaci	4-1
2	Power Attack(L),123	J Ortiz	6-3-1	Sacco	6-1
3	Run Classic(L),121	J Castellano	2-4-4	Potts	6-1
4	Classic Time(L),123	L Saez	8-4-1	Casse	3-1
5	Inexorable(L),123	I Ortiz, Jr	5-3-1	Rice	5-2
6	Fiddling Felix(L),123	T Gaffalione	6-1-6	Morey	8-1
7	Paradise Valley(L),123	R Santana, Jr	6-6-1	Kantarmaci	12-1
8	Trust Issues(L),123	J Rodriguez	7-3-1	Charlerie	15-1

5 1 1/16 miles(T); $55,000; clm($35,000); 3up(f)

Gotta believe **BRILLANTE** moves forward, moving lower for Chad Brown 2nd off the layoff. Ran home a 1/2 length shy after 15 months rest. **ADRIAN** MTO. Showed 3rd in the slop last out. **GREYJOY** reported home 3rd best last pair, latest on the Saratoga lawn, at this distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Serena Fly(L),121	K Davis	1-6-8	Breed	20-1
2	Ur Desire(L),121	J Rodriguez	6-4-10	Schultz	8-1
3	Give Her Another(L),126	T Gaffalione	3-5-4	Potts	12-1
4	Rose Lisa(L),121	J Lezcano	4-4-8	Dixon	30-1
5	Brillante(FR)(L),126	M Franco	3-11-1	C Brown	4-5
6	Greyjoy(L),121	D Davis	3-3-9	Terranova II	6-1
7	Olivia's Grace(L),126	C Elliott	7-9-10	Giddings	15-1
8	Artistic Success(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	4-3-5	Sharp	3-1
9	So Vain(L),121	I Ortiz, Jr	3-6-1	Nevin	6-1
10	Adrian(L),126	M Franco	3-4-3	Rice	6-5
11	Amelia's Echo(L),126	Rider TBA	5-4-2	Kantarmaci	5-1

6 5 1/2 fur(T); $90,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Debut day for many of these 2YOs. **TAPPIN MAGIC** (Barker/Gaffalione/Tacitus) offers better value than **YOLO TRAIN** (Brown/Irad/Jack Christopher). **SOUTHERN KISS** debuted a neck short and runs the same distance. J Ortiz on the Kentucky shipper. And Franco rides first time starter **BANKTHEMONEYHONEY**, a Central Banker filly for Rice.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Instant Stardom,123	S Gonzalez	x-x-x	Rodriguez	12-1
2	Mi Gordita,123	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	Abreu	5-1
3	Omi Maria,123	J Alvarado	x-x-x	Mott	4-1
4	Bankthemoneyhoney,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Rice	8-1
5	Sea Isle City,123	L Saez	6-x-x	Brion	12-1
6	Tappin Magic,123	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	Barker	8-1
7	Bourbon Mojo,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Begg	15-1
8	Sweet Grace,123	C Elliott	5-x-x	Ryerson	6-1
9	Decimal Point,123	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Bartkowski	20-1
10	Yolo Train,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	C Brown	5-2
11	Night Sky,123	J Castellano	x-x-x	Delgado	10-1
12	Southern Kiss,123	J Ortiz	2-x-x	Casse	3-1
13	Split the Blanket,123	C Elliott	7-x-x	Giddings	9-2
14	Miss Ma'am,123	J Rodriguez	7-4-x	Green	6-1
15	Early Autumn,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Servis	10-1
16	Cayenne,123	C Rojas	x-x-x	Delgado	15-1

7 6 fur; $115,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Wide open. More debuting 2YOs. Our order of finish **CYBER BABY** (Clement/Rodriguez/Cyber Knife), **UNDER THE MOON** (Sharp/J Ortiz/Greatest Honour), **DAVIDSON** (McGaughey/Gaffalione/American Pharoah) and **SHES FAST MONEY** (J Englehart/Irad/Central Banker).

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Empirical March,123	C Elliott	x-x-x	McPeek	20-1
2	Baby Beth,123	M Franco	x-x-x	Abreu	10-1
3	Under the Moon,123	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Sharp	4-1
4	In the Queue,123	L Saez	5-x-x	Maker	8-1
5	She's Fast Money,123	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Englehart	6-1
6	Lauren's Time,123	D Davis	x-x-x	C Brown	6-1
7	Lady Azul,123	E Gonzalez	3-x-x	Synnefias	15-1
8	Saratoga Lake,123	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	De Paz	10-1
9	Davidson,123	T Gaffalione	x-x-x	McGaughey III	5-1
10	Sweet Lisa,123	K Carmouche	6-x-x	Rice	12-1
11	Cyber Baby,123	J Rodriguez	x-x-x	Clement	8-1
12	Coursiere,123	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Donk	20-1
13	Chic in Motion,123	J Alvarado	x-x-x	Breen	15-1
14	Hidden Melody,123	D Davis	x-x-x	Breen	12-1

8 1 1/8 miles: $120,000; alw; 3up(f)

Turf to dirt for Gustavo Rodriguez' **SAILAWAY**. Winner, racing this distance on dirt at Aqueduct in March. **ANSWERED PRAYERS** closed well to be 2nd twice before shipping from Churchill. Mott gives her more ground. Lone win earned with Alvarado up. **HIDDEN ROSE** and **BRUNCH WITH AMY** ran home 2-3 here in July. Hidden Rose won by a dozen lengths previously. Brunch With Amy now 2 for 19.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Answered Prayers(L),121	J Alvarado	2-2-1	Mott	5-2
2	Hidden Rose(L),121	T Gaffalione	2-1-7	Clement	3-1
3	Higher Force(L),126	C Elliott	1-4-7	Rodriguez	10-1
4	Brunch With Amy(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	3-6-3	Rice	9-2
5	Sailaway(L),126	R Santana, Jr	7-2-1	Rodriguez	5-1
6	Pens Street(L),126	M Franco	2-4-8	Abreu	12-1
7	Seraphia(L),126	J Ortiz	7-3-3	Asmussen	7-2

9 1 mile(T); $71,000; mdn clm($85,000); 3up(f)

On the turf in the finale. **MISTBORN** was a close 3rd, then 2nd last pair. Best chance to move forward. Gaffalione rides for Chad Brown. **PRAIRIE PRINCESS** MTO. **GUM** has hit the board 5 times from 7 starts including the last 3. Johnny V replaces Gaffalione.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Giant Sense(L),121	E Gonzalez	6-x-x	Synnefias	30-1
2	Resort(FR)(L),121	J Ortiz	5-3-3	Trombetta	6-1
3	Serenique(M),121	R Santana, Jr	x-x-x	James Bond	12-1
4	Riyah Al Nil(M),121	S Bridgmohan	9-5-6	Seyler	50-1
5	Gum(L),126	J Velazquez	3-2-3	Motion	9-2
6	Battle Winner(L),121	J Morelos	7-4-6	Antonucci	12-1
7	Bourbon Milk Punch(L),126	I Ortiz, Jr	10-4-3	De Paz	7-2
8	Grace of Monaco(L),121	L Saez	7-6-5	DiPrima	20-1
9	Mistborn(L),121	T Gaffalione	2-3-6	C Brown	8-5
10	Channelview(L),121	M Franco	2-4-5	Weaver	10-1
11	Tavern Talk(L),121	O Hrndz Mreno	4-7-7	Ashley	50-1
12	Mappy(L),121	J Alvarado	6-2-3	Weaver	15-1
13	Prairie Princess(L),121	T Gaffalione	5-5-x	C Brown	3-5

PLAY OF THE DAY

Frolicking ($4) won like an even-money shot should. Unfortunately, Mr. Mashigina (6-1) and Dancing Buck (19-1) ran to their odds as well. Our profit ($6) having little impact on our losses (-$484.62) for the meet.

Three selections that can make a dent. Play $6 across the board on Brown Sugar Betty in Race 2, Tappin Magic in Race 6 and Cyber Baby in Race 7. — *Vic Cangialosi*

Yonkers entries for Wednesday

Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: Mile pace; $24,000; claiming

1	Just Enuff Stuff	(VGinsburg)	2-1-7	8-1
2	Optical Illusion N	(BHolland)	2-6-6	3-1
3	Ever Hoping A	(JMarohn)	4-1-1	5-2
4	Kimble A	(AMiller)	6-1-1	10-1
5	SmmentsmwhereA	(PLchnce	5-1-2	7-2
6	Iknowbetter	(ASiegelman)	6-1-6	9-2
7	Bettor By Seaside	(JStratton)	3-2-1	5-1
8	Invisible N	(CKelly)	4-5-4	6-1

SECOND: Mile pace; $15,000; cond

1	Windsun Ricky	(JMarohn)	2-7-8	2-1
2	MajorcrowdcontrlA	(Hollnd)	6-8-3	5-1
3	Lyons Benjamin	(AMiller)	8-8-6	7-2
4	Gingras Beach	(VGinsburg)	4-3-6	6-1
5	Benhope Rulz N	(CKelly)	5-4-5	15-1
6	Manferno	(ASiegelman)	4-8-3	4-1
7	Printville	(JStratton)	5-5-7	20-1
8	DreamboatHanver	(PLchnce)	8-1-1	20-1

THIRD: Mile trot; $23,000; cond

1	Zuzu Zoom	(NKarna)	3-3-3	9-2
2	Ctm	(ASiegelman)	4-3-1	8-1
3	ChasingstardustAs	(JStrattn)	1-4-2	5-2
4	Rico Tubbs	(BHolland)	2-5-7	7-2
5	Je Suis Cash S	(AMiller)	1-5-8	3-1
6	Tregaron	(CKelly)	3-4-1	12-1

FOURTH: Mile pace; $15,000; claiming

1	Shine A Light	(BHolland)	1-2-2	1-1
2	Gothic Rock	(JStratton)	2-3-3	5-1
3	Avenger Force	(VGinsburg)	4-9-6	8-1
4	Delightful Terror	(JMarohn)	2-6-2	7-2
5	Full Support	(ASiegelman)	5-3-4	20-1
6	Squadron Seelster	(AMiller)	6-2-7	20-1
7	Bettorbuckleup	(CKelly)	4-2-8	20-1
8	BlockbusterTrade	(PLchnce)	7-1-7	20-1

FIFTH: Mile pace; $21,000; cond

1	CoalfordTopguyGb	(BHollnd)	4-3-8	3-1
2	Orlando Blue A	(CKelly)	1-2-3	5-2
3	Jett Star N	(JMarohn)	1-2-3	2-1
4	Bondi Shake N	(ASiegelman)	6-6-2	20-1
5	Lamandier A	(VGinsburg)	5-6-1	20-1
6	The Greek Freak	(AMiller)	4-8-3	6-1
7	Churchviewfrnkllr	(PLchnce)	3-5-3	20-1
8	Tualou N	(JStratton)	7-1-X	20-1

SIXTH: Mile pace; $15,000; claiming

1	Deedenuto A	(ASiegelman)	8-8-6	20-1
2	Cyrus N	(JMarohn)	6-1-4	2-1
3	Walkinshaw N	(BHolland)	2-8-2	3-2
4	I'm Some Graduate	(CKelly)	5-5-5	10-1
5	CamouflageMoney	(Lchnce)	4-5-7	6-1
6	MoonlightShadow	(VGnsbrg)	6-3-4	20-1
7	Artist Best	(AMiller)	3-4-6	8-1
8	Ozone Blue Chip	(JStratton)	2-2-1	20-1

SEVENTH: Mile pace; $20,000; claiming

1	Crush Kill Destroy	(JMarohn)	5-7-1	5-1
2	Ever M	(JStratton)	5-3-1	3-1
3	CaptainAwesome	(VGinsbrg)	7-7-4	20-1
4	Invictus	(ASiegelman)	4-6-6	9-2
5	Diamond Ryder	(CKelly)	6-5-3	20-1
6	Thong Control	(AMiller)	3-5-2	4-1
7	Zebs Krafty	(PLachance)	2-7-8	8-1
8	TopvilleSomebeach	(BHllnd)	1-6-1	7-2

EIGHTH: Mile pace; $19,000; cond

1	Odds On No Limit	(JStratton)	2-3-7	9-5
2	Itza Dangerzone A	(CKelly)	4-6-7	6-1
3	Captain Fear	(BHolland)	1-7-5	3-1
4	BrutallyhandsmeA	(Gnsbrg)	6-3-5	7-2
5	Mad River	(ASiegelman)	2-4-5	12-1
6	Caviart Lotus	(AMiller)	4-6-5	20-1
7	Caviart Sargent	(PLachance)	5-5-5	20-1
8	Kopi Luwak	(JMarohn)	4-5-5	15-1

NINTH: Mile pace; $18,000; claiming

1	Sweet Sandy	(AMiller)	2-6-3	4-1
2	DuckIntoTheNite	(PLachnce)	7-8-5	20-1
3	Evelyna Itis	(VGinsburg)	5-3-1	8-1
4	Racey Rach N	(JStratton)	6-2-3	3-1
5	Vel Im All Fire	(JMarohn)	3-1-4	5-2
6	Hurrikane Marigold	(CKelly)	1-3-7	9-2
7	Iris Seelster	(ASiegelman)	6-4-6	20-1
8	SpDancinwithstarz	(BHollnd)	1-6-4	6-1

Lineup help is ‘getting closer’

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

A Yankees lineup that has napped for weeks (and arguably months) can begin to see a few reinforcements on the horizon.

Giancarlo Stanton is “getting closer,” manager Aaron Boone said. Cody Bellinger is “getting close.” The return of neither, though, appears imminent, and both are closer to returns than Aaron Judge.

YANKEES NOTES

Given the club’s sensitivity about Stanton, it is difficult to glean information regarding when he might rejoin the team. But on the field before Tuesday’s 4-1 win over the Mariners in The Bronx, Stanton himself provided the update: For the first known time since suffering his second calf strain in June, the Yankees designated hitter ran the bases and looked like himself doing so.

“It does feel like he’s getting closer,” Boone allowed, though he declined to reveal much else about Stanton.

Boone said he was not sure about Stanton’s next step. He would not commit to Stanton needing or not needing a rehab assignment, saying, “There’s at least a chance of that.”

Regardless, on the field, Stanton showed that he is making progress at a stage that is typically the final one before players either begin a rehab assignment or become activated. Stanton had been running the bases in June when he suffered the additional calf strain.

Bellinger’s pregame work came in the outfield, when he went through agility drills and shagged fly balls. He had gone down with a hamstring strain July 25, about two and a half weeks ago, for an injury that was given a four- to six-week timetable.

➤ Boone said he is “hoping” **Jazz Chisholm Jr.** is fine after a scare — and an immediate bounce-back — in the ninth inning.

Chisholm appeared to turn his ankle trying to recover after knocking down a hot shot from Dominic Canzone.

RING IN NEW YEAR

Knicks tip off title defense against LeBron, Sixers on banner night

Jason Szenes; Instagram/@Sixers

By JARED SCHWARTZ

The Knicks are firmly the main attraction.

The NBA placed its defending champions front and center, as the Knicks will be showcased both Opening Night and Christmas Day.

They will face off with LeBron James and the 76ers on Opening Night at Madison Square Garden on Oct. 20, when they will raise their championship banner and collect their rings in front of King James and his new team. It will be James' and Jaylen Brown's debuts with Philadelphia after the team's blockbuster moves this offseason.

It will be the first time the Knicks raise a championship banner since 1973. The game — at 7 p.m. on NBC — will be the second of a triple-header slate on the network, sandwiched between a Celtics-Pistons matchup and Thunder-Spurs showdown.

Christmas Day, the Knicks will host Victor Wembanyama and the Spurs at MSG in a Finals rematch — the first meeting between the teams since Game 5, when the Knicks secured the championship.

The teams similarly played on Christmas 2024, providing an exhilarating preview of what they would deliver a year later.

Mikal Bridges memorably erupted for 41 points in a 117-114 Knicks win. Wemby put on a show with 42 points, 18 rebounds and four blocks for the Spurs.

This year's matchup will kick off the league's Christmas Day slate at noon on ABC/ESPN. Later in the day, LeBron will return to Los Angeles as the 76ers square off with the Lakers. Heat-Celtics, Thunder-Timberwolves and Nuggets-Warriors are the other Christmas Day matchups.

And the Knicks will travel to face Boston as part of Amazon Prime's first Friday night doubleheader Oct. 23, at 7 p.m., before Rockets-Spurs later in the night.

It will be the second nationally televised game the Knicks play in the first week of the season and the first time they will play against Mitchell Robinson, who signed with the Celtics this offseason after eight years in New York.

The Knicks have a long history of playing on Christmas, with more games (58), wins (26) and losses (32) than any other team. Last year, they delivered another memorable win — overcoming a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit (a taste of what would come later in the postseason) to come back and beat the Cavaliers 126-124 at MSG. Jalen Brunson poured in 34 points while Tyler Kolek and Jordan Clarkson had huge games off the bench.

It was a role reversal from the last time the Knicks played the league's Opening Night two years ago — at Boston for the Celtics' banner and ring night after their 2024 title. The Knicks were blown out 132-109.

This time, though, it will be their coronation in front of a national audience, their banner entering immortality and rings sliding onto their fingers.

MSG will once again be the place to be.

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Save the Dates

Some highlight dates on the NBA schedule have been announced. Here are all the games known so far (* also on ESPN):

DATE	TEAMS	TIME	TV
Oct. 20	Celtics at Pistons	3:00	NBC
Oct. 20	**76ers at Knicks**	**7:00**	**NBC**
Oct. 20	Thunder at Spurs	9:30	NBC
Oct. 21	T'wolves at Heat	7:30	ESPN
Oct. 21	Warriors at Lakers	10:00	ESPN
Oct. 22	Cavaliers at 76ers	7 p.m.	ESPN
Oct. 22	Nuggets at Thunder	9:30	ESPN
Oct. 23	**Knicks at Celtics**	**7 p.m.**	**Prime**
Oct. 23	Rockets at Spurs	9:30	Prime
Dec. 25	**Spurs at Knicks**	**noon**	**ABC***
Dec. 25	Heat at Celtics	2:30	ABC*
Dec. 25	76ers at Lakers	5:00	ABC*
Dec. 25	Thunder at T'wolves	8:00	ABC*
Dec. 25	Nuggets at Warriors	10:30	ABC*

NOT AGAIN! Caitlin Clark had 22 points and 10 assists to help lead the Fever to another lopsided win over Breanna Stewart's crew, an eerily similar result to the last time these teams played at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on July 18. AP

Déjà vu in Indiana as Liberty defense stumbles in blowout

By MADELINE KENNEY

FEVER	**106**
LIBERTY	**92**

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INDIANAPOLIS — Less than four weeks ago, the Liberty felt like they hit rock bottom following a 20-point blowout loss to the Fever here. The demoralizing defeat triggered a players-only meeting and a few other candid and uncomfortable talks.

This time, the Liberty suffered another brutal 106-92 defeat at the hot hands of the Fever, but the result for some reason didn't feel nearly as deflating.

Tuesday's loss once again put a bright spotlight on the absences of Leonie Fiebich and Satou Sabally, who've now been sidelined for more than a month with injuries and no timeline to return. The Liberty got burned by elite opposing guard play again without the duo.

The dynamic Fever backcourt of Kelsey Mitchell and Caitlin Clark had their way for most of the night, with the Liberty defense providing little resistance on the perimeter.

Mitchell scored 20 of her game-high 28 points in the first half. Clark added 22 points and 10 assists. The two combined for a startling 8-for-12 from deep, including 7-for-8 in the first half.

Aliyah Boston went 3-for-5 from behind the arc and finished with 19 points, and Sophie Cunningham shot 4-for-5 from 3 for 12 points.

The Liberty surrendered 64 points in the first half, the third-most allowed in any half in franchise history, and trailed by 18 points entering the midway break.

Inside the locker room, the Liberty couldn't help but tip their caps to the Fever, who had shot 22-for-37 (59.5 percent) from the field, including 11-for-14 (78.6 percent) from beyond the arc.

"They were just shooting a crazy percentage at that point," Jonquel Jones said, "and you know those numbers traditionally, we expected it to go down."

That didn't quite happen as the Fever shot 53.6 percent from the field and 64 percent (16-for-24) from 3-point land on the night.

The Liberty defense looked sluggish and disconnected, and the Fever took advantage by generating good looks on the perimeter.

New York's closeouts were slow. And coach Chris DeMarco said the team's rotations have to be better.

"If we're going to commit to taking the paint away, which I think we've done a pretty good job as evident by our rebounding and our lack of putting teams on the line, at times, people are going to get open 3s," DeMarco said. "Of course, we got to do a better job to get better contests. But tough game for us in the way they shot the ball."

New York seemed ready to mount a comeback at the start of the third.

An improvised defense stifled the Fever and paved the way to an 11-2 run to cut the Fever lead to nine with 6:51 left.

The Liberty would get within nine once more, but that was it.

"It's just basically an effort thing, knowing that when you're almost down 20 going into the third, you have to make up a lot of ground and you have to kind of make some s--t happen," Stewart said of the team's scrambled defense. "I felt like we were continuing to kind of rotate and find that second and third option and that's how we got it back within [nine]."

The Liberty defense, ranked 10th out of 15 teams, has been a concern all season. The biggest takeaway from Tuesday, according to Jones, is how the team can shore up that end.

"We can definitely still look at the game and find ways that we can be better," she said. "The rotations, I think, [are] our biggest thing right now. ... I mean, we won the rebounding and possession battle, but ultimately we do have to be a little bit better at rotating and helping the helper."

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FEVER COACH FIRES BACK AT CHATTER OF FIRING

By MADELINE KENNEY

INDIANAPOLIS — One day after Indiana Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith called for Stephanie White's job, the Fever coach delivered an impassioned statement in which she said she will ride with her players "10 toes down all the time."

White also denounced "the hate, the fearmongering, the divisiveness" rhetoric around her team during the roughly two-minute speech that she gave in lieu of a typical pregame news conference prior to Tuesday's game against the Liberty.

STEPHANIE WHITE

White directed her message to "an online community that's trying to create narratives that simply don't exist, trying to create a fabrication or distortion of who I am, of what I'm about."

"Our players' success, our players' health and wellness, our player safety is always a top priority for me," White said. "One of the things I pride myself on is my relationships with players."

White came under fire for her postgame comment regarding DiJonai Carrington's hard foul on Sophie Cunningham in Saturday's 90-86 win against the Sky. At the time, White said Carrington is "gonna play her butt off" and "going to compete and nobody's gonna go walking in for a layup."

"I don't oppose the hard foul," White continued, "but I also don't think that she intentionally went for the neck."

Beckwith took issue with White's response and suggested, "The Fever need to let Stephanie White go."

"No solid coach would ever take the side of the opposing team's player who committed a flagrant foul on one of your own players," Beckwith posted to X. "Terrible coaching! The Fever need to defend their players."

White clarified that she didn't see the play in real time and went straight to the news conference. At the time, she thought the officials made the right call and was thankful Cunningham was OK.

"Was it egregious? Absolutely," White said Tuesday. "When you have a chance to watch that, over and over and over on replay, you can see that. I didn't have that in real time.

"I take personally any suggestions that I don't 100 percent always have my player's back. I ride with them 10 toes down all the time — all the time," she continued. "They know that. It's a shame that we can't have an opportunity to talk about what great basketball they're playing because they are f--king playing.

"The reality is with me, I will always lead with love. I will always lead with grace, I will always lead with humility and I will always lead with integrity. Doesn't mean I'll always get it right. I'm also human. The hate, the fearmongering, the divisiveness, the stuff that's trying to hijack our league will not win. It won't win."

DRIVEN BUNCH

New DC Wilson likes what he sees in his ‘crazy’ unit

Steve Serby

JAXSON Dart will thank defensive coordinator Dennard Wilson one day for helping him grow as the Giants franchise quarterback.

Maybe not right this moment.

“Now we’re running plays and we get to see like, OK, not only are we doing what *we* do, but now we get to see a crazy defense with Dennard and what he does,” offensive coordinator Matt Nagy said.

I asked Nagy what it is about Wilson’s “crazy” defense that demands Dart stays on an even keel.

“Without getting into scheme, I’ll just say that it’s a very challenging defense, and it’s something that for sure is gonna make us be better in the long run as an offense,” Nagy said. “Even though it’s gonna look at times like it’s not very good, we gotta balance that and understand that’s OK. And that he’s gonna give us some difficult looks, whether it’s protection, whether it’s run game, whether it’s a coverage back end disguising things. So that’s the nature of the beast. We gotta stay patient.”

Dart was reminded of the danger of throwing anywhere in the vicinity of No. 1 pick ILB Arvell Reese, who dove with his pterodactyl-like wingspan to tip an interception to himself in the right flat.

“He’s been impressive. Not to put too much on the kid’s plate being a rookie, but he’s picked up everything from a defensive structure, the call, the adjustments and he’s running around playing fast and physical,” Wilson said. “The thing I love about him [is] if he messes up, he’s not a repeat-mistake defender. So he’ll correct his mistake, learn from it, and if he makes a mistake, it’s something that he doesn’t know.

“It’s been outstanding to watch this young man grow.”

CB Colton Hood, the second-round pick, is a quick study on his own fast growth trajectory.

“Yesterday we were in a certain situation and he got beat, but he corrected it today,” Wilson said. “They tried to throw the same move at him, and his eyes were right. He’s taken to coaching, he’s running to the coaching, every day he’s spending extra time, and when he gets out here, he’s doing what he’s asked to do.

“When he’s lined up and he’s disciplined, he’s in press and he has the right footwork, his hands, the right base, he’s a pretty good player. When he goes out there and his legs stop and his feet stop, that’s just like any corner in the National Football League. He’s not a high-risk, high-reward-type guy. He’s sharpening his tool bag and he continues to progress and get better. I like where he’s at.”

Embattled CB Deonte Banks is making the most of his redemption opportunity.

“He’s another guy that’s running towards coaching, I think he’s the buy-in to the culture change, I think the buy-in to playing more aggressively,” Wilson said. “The DB coaches have poured so much love into that room. I think he’s embraced it. He’s not a guy that’s trying to be comfortable out there.”

Wilson has talked repeatedly about building a wall to help stop the run with Dexter Lawrence in Cincinnati and he is counting on DT Darius Alexander to continue to step up.

“Well, we’re connected up front right now,” Wilson said. “We’re playing with good vertical knock back. We’re setting the edges. And we have some linebackers that fill gaps. They come downhill with a sense of urgency, they’re big players, they’re aggressive. And everybody’s playing with their hat in hands. The biggest thing is just their eyes: They know what they’re looking at, and they’re fitting accordingly.”

Abdul Carter has often looked unblockable. “Abdul is trying to be a technician on the football field,” Wilson said. “It’s no more just pass rush, it’s about being a true end, and he’s embracing it every day. ... Just like all players, man, it’s not the first year, it’s the second year. It’s the maturation, it’s them growing as players, growing as men off the field.”

Wilson would gush about “pro’s pro” defensive leader Brian Burns and Kayvon Thibodeaux, and ...

“Jevón Holland I think is one of the better safeties in the National Football League,” Wilson said, “and it’s his opportunity to come out here and prove it. ... Greg Newsome is a glue guy that’s taken these young guys under his wing. ... Tremaine [Edmunds] has been a bright spot for us manning the green dot in the middle of the field, talking to Arvell every play.”

I said: “It sounds like you like this defense.”

“I love this defense,” Wilson said. “I love the New York Giants.”

John Harbaugh expects one day his quarterback will love this crazy defense, too.

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GIVING THEM FITS: Giants defensive coordinator Dennard Wilson (inset) and his unit — including Kayvon Thibodeaux (5) and Brian Burns (0) — have made life tough for the offense in the early part of camp.

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TRAINING DAY

SOMETHING GOOD

Arvell Reese's impressive first training camp continued Tuesday. During a 7-on-7 red zone period, the inside linebacker tipped a **Jaxson Dart** pass to himself and came down with the ball. The offense tried to sneak a receiver behind the first-round pick while sending a running back into the flat, but Reese read Dart's eyes.

SOMETHING BAD

The first-team offense was shaky. Offensive coordinator **Matt Nagy** said the effort wasn't "good enough." Dart threw the aforementioned interception and could've had another when he forced a pass over the middle that **Jason Pinnock** deflected into the air. Fortunately, a diving **Chris Manhertz** came down with it. Dart was sacked several times.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Second-year tight end **Thomas Fidone II** made the play of the day for the offense, a diving one-handed catch of a **Jameis Winston** throw 30 yards down the middle of the field. Fidone, a seventh-round 2025 draft pick out of Nebraska, also scored a touchdown later in practice.

INJURY REPORT

Outside linebacker **Abdul Carter** (hand) returned to practice. Cornerback **Paulson Adebo** (undisclosed), center **John Michael Schmitz** (concussion), center/guard **Lucas Patrick** (knee) and wide receivers **Jalin Hyatt** (leg/ankle) and **JuJu Smith-Schuster** (knee) didn't practice.

— Zach Braziller

Nagy: No surprise ‘O’ playing from behind in camp

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Patience, Matt Nagy cautioned, is going to be required.

Nobody should be surprised that the Giants offense is behind the defense. That the feeling-out process is ongoing. That there are days like Tuesday when Jaxson Dart and the offense, to quote the new offensive coordinator, aren't "good enough."

"We're halfway through our run install and halfway through our pass install, if it gives you any perspective," said Nagy, who spent the previous four seasons working under Andy Reid with the Chiefs. "We still have a lot left, and we're trying to just figure out, 'OK, what do we want to do as we go through it?' "

This was another day when the offense and Dart were unimpressive. Dart was picked off once, by inside linebacker Arvell Reese on an absurd play in which the rookie tipped the Dart pass to himself and came down with the ball. But it was more than that. He took too many sacks and was at times inaccurate, especially during a 7-on-7 red zone period when he was only 2-for-8 passing.

"Today was an average practice, maybe below average. It wasn't good enough," Nagy said. "He knows that. We know that. We'll put it on tape, but we also talk about success through struggles, and ... there's going to be some struggles as we go through this now in training camp and during the season, but how do we react?"

It is understandable. Dart doesn't have his No. 1 receiver, Malik Nabers, and is learning a new offense with new coaches and new receivers. He is facing a defense, led by Dennard Wilson, that Nagy described as "crazy," because of its complexities.

Nagy has been impressed by how fast Dart is learning for his age, a process that began in the spring. They are putting a lot on his plate, and he keeps coming back for more. Right now, the Giants are trying to see which plays suit Dart and the offense and which ones don't, while continuing to add more.

Mastering the offense and playing fast is only part of it, though. There is an added component the Giants want to see.

"Now we've got to get to the part of seeing the defense and taking it to the next level, because the kid is super talented," Nagy said.

Later, he added: "Like if there's one or two plays where he might not be seeing it well, let's figure out why you're not. And if you're not, let's just get rid of the play. Let's go to a different play."

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PLAYING CATCH-UP: New Giants offensive coordinator Matt Nagy, working with Malik Nabers (1) during a drill, says there is no reason for alarm just because the Big Blue defense seems ahead of the offense in the early part of training camp.

What should help is a productive running game that will lessen the pressure on Dart and give him more time to develop a comfort level in the offense. The Giants want to play a physical brand of football and set up the pass with the run.

"I played quarterback my entire life, and having a run game is the friendliest thing in the world," Nagy said. "I mean, you want to be able to run the football. Everybody says it, but you've got to be able to do it."

It is worth remembering that it is still early. The opener against the Cowboys is roughly a month away. The Giants still haven't played their first preseason game. There is time for Dart and the offense to get going and for the coaching staff to decide what works best for this group.

"Whether it's walk-through, group install or competitive, we have a lot of stuff on tape right now that we're able to pull and look at and decide what we want to do," Nagy said.

They have yet to pull the proverbial trigger. Nagy, Dart and Co. are still in the fact-finding portion of the summer. The results have made that clear.

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Giants hosting troubled CB Arnold for visit

By ZACH BRAZILLER

GIANTS NOTES

The Giants cornerback room could be getting a talented yet troubled addition.

The team will be hosting Terrion Arnold for a visit Wednesday, a source confirmed.

A first-round pick by the Lions in 2024, Arnold was released in June after he was arrested in Tampa, Fla., on felony charges in connection with a robbery and kidnapping in early February.

Arnold, 23, met with the Seahawks over the weekend and, reportedly, the Saints on Tuesday. He has also spent time with the Texans and drawn interest from the Colts and Jets.

He is facing accusations of arranging the kidnapping and beating of three men whom prosecutors believe he wrongly suspected of stealing $100,000 in cash, luxury watches and bags from him. He has denied, through his representatives, a role in the alleged crime.

He is facing four counts of kidnapping and four counts of armed robbery. If convicted, he faces the potential of a life sentence in prison. No trial date has been set.

Arnold has one interception and 18 passes defensed in 24 career games. He appeared in only eight games a year ago due to a shoulder injury that eventually required surgery.

The Giants have questions at cornerback, and while risky, Arnold could help answer them.

➤ This summer marks the 12th training camp of **Chris Manhertz's** career. **John Harbaugh's** intense camp featuring long practices in the middle of the afternoon is similar to only one other he has attended.

"The only thing that can remind me of this was the New Orleans Saints, **Sean Payton** style. Old school," the veteran tight end said. "It's a grind, but the grind is good. You get to build your identity as a team. You get to build up those calluses to be able to withstand a full season.

"It's probably one of the more challenging ones. I look at it from a glass-half-full type mentality. Everything that's taken place here is for a reason. It will all make sense later."

In his third season with the Giants, the 34-year-old Manhertz is excited to be part of what is expected to be a turnaround under Harbaugh.

"It's an honor. Being able to play for the home team is definitely something I don't take for granted," the Cardinal Spellman High School alum said.

TRAINING DAY

SHOWING OFF

Garrett Wilson hasn't received enough opportunities to showcase his game-changing talent since joining the Jets. During Tuesday's joint practice with the Buccaneers, the former Rookie of the Year served an explosive reminder. After catching a deflected pass from **Geno Smith** during a red zone period, Wilson juked one defender, split three more, and then crossed the goal line for a touchdown.

OH, (GE)NO!

It was easy to believe it was 2014. Smith looked like the unreliable, turnover-prone quarterback the Jets drafted more than a decade ago. His first pass of the day was a pick-6 to Tampa cornerback Damarion Williams. Then, after several missed throws, Smith was intercepted twice more, including an inexplicable short throw directly to Bucs linebacker Josiah Trotter.

CAUGHT MY EYE

Last season, the Jets became the first team in NFL history to fail to record an interception. On Tuesday, **Aaron Glenn**'s defense provided hope it would avoid infamy again after Jets safety **Jarius Monroe** picked off Baker Mayfield. **Dane Belton** also almost intercepted the Bucs quarterback, with the new Jets safety deflecting multiple passes in a stellar practice.

INJURY REPORT

Practice was halted for several minutes after **Qwan'tez Stiggers** passed out near the sideline following a play. The Jets cornerback left the field on a stretcher and was taken to a nearby hospital, though Glenn said Stiggers was conscious and talking before he departed in an ambulance. By Tuesday night, he had been released from the hospital and was recovering at home. Defensive end **Joseph Ossai** was taken off the PUP list Tuesday and could return to practice as soon as next week.

— Howie Kussoy

STEP 'BACK

Geno can help Gang achieve jaw-dropping results by taking page from Bowles' 2015 crew

TODD BOWLES stood on a field at the Jets training center just after noon on Tuesday. His Buccaneers team had just finished a joint practice with the Jets and Bowles was now answering questions from the media.

One question came about Jets quarterback Geno Smith, who played two seasons under Bowles in New York.

"It was good to see him," Bowles said. "It's good to see him out there. He's healthy. He's happy. I'm happy for him."

It was 11 years to the day from when Bowles was answering different questions from the media about Smith. It was around the same time of day when Bowles walked into the press room Aug. 11, 2015 and announced that Smith had been punched in the face by teammate IK Enemkpali and suffered a broken jaw. The moment forever altered Smith's career and changed Jets history.

Smith was the starting quarterback, entering his third season but with a new coaching staff and a better team around him. The punch, which happened over an unpaid $600 debt, put Smith on the sideline and made Ryan Fitzpatrick the starting quarterback. Fitzpatrick galvanized the team, threw a team-record 31 touchdown passes and had the Jets on the precipice of a playoff berth before one bad day in Buffalo.

Brian Costello

What's funny is when you come up with best-case scenarios for the 2026 Jets, taking a page from the 2015 Jets is one of them … this time without the locker room fisticuffs.

The Jets could use a season from Smith like they got from Fitzpatrick that season. No one expected the 33-year-old Fitzpatrick to put up those kind of numbers in 2015. After some success in Buffalo, he was a journeyman quarterback coming off two disappointing seasons in Tennessee and Houston. The Jets sent a late-round pick to the Texans in March of 2015 to pick up Fitzpatrick.

Sound familiar?

Smith is now 35 years old and after some success with the Seahawks, he is coming off a disappointing season with the Raiders. The Jets sent a late-round pick to Vegas in March to pick up Smith.

On Tuesday, Smith threw two

Multiple fights break out during heated joint practice

By HOWIE KUSSOY

David Bailey was eager to battle, lining up against an NFL opponent for the first time.

The No. 2 overall pick already looked ready for Week 1, blowing by Luke Goedeke on multiple reps in one-on-one drills early in Tuesday's joint practice with the Buccaneers. The sixth-year tackle then overcompensated, jumping early and committing a false start. On the next rep, Bailey used a bull rush, ending in a stalemate, with the Jets rookie tapping the veteran's helmet. Goedeke responded with a punch, and Bailey returned fire as both teams converged in a short-lived skirmish.

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"He called me out in one-on-ones and he wanted to go against me and then lost," Goedeke said. "He tried shoving me after that. [Jets linebacker Kingsley Enagbare], I believe, came from the side and just cheap-shotted me. That didn't start practice warm and fuzzy. That's for sure.

"Not the smartest decision by me. That being said, I'm always going to defend my players. I'm going to defend myself, for that matter. I'm not going to get punked and not do anything about it, especially on a football field."

The battles had just begun.

The longtime friendship of the opposing head coaches — Tampa Bay's Todd Bowles was the secondary coach for the Jets when Glenn was still a cornerback in New York — was powerless to prevent repeated fights between their teams, who have another joint practice scheduled Wednesday before meeting in the preseason opener Friday at MetLife Stadium.

After the fight with Bailey, Goedeke was involved in an altercation with Enagbare that resulted in both sidelines clearing, as Tampa Bay's tackle ripped off the helmet of Qwan'tez Stiggers and hurled it down the field following Jarius Monroe's interception of Baker Mayfield.

"I don't like seeing fighting," Jets defensive tackle Harrison Phillips said. "You do that in a football game and you're kicked out and it hurts us tremendously. These joint practices are another way that we can try to simulate as close to game-day feel, but I'm really happy that we're having to pull guys back rather than get guys to go. I don't like fighting, but there's some positives in the idea that I don't want to be punked out here. I hope we don't do that [Wednesday]. I hope that's not part of the DNA of this team, but it also kind of gets your adrenaline going."

Even after both teams had 10 minutes to cool down and regain

Bill Kostroun (2); Getty Images

IN TIME

interceptions against the Buccaneers defense and he has shown that he still can look very good one day and very bad the next. Sometimes it happens in one practice. Even the most optimistic Jets fans temper their expectations when it comes to Smith, but who is to say he can't put together a magical run like Fitzpatrick? None of us saw that coming either.

Fitzpatrick benefitted from a solid skill group led by Brandon Marshall, Eric Decker and Chris Ivory. Smith can thrive if the Jets get strong play from Garrett Wilson, Adonai Mitchell and Breece Hall.

This offensive line, led by Armand Membou and Olu Fashanu, is comparable to that group, led by Nick Mangold and D'Brickashaw Ferguson in their last year together.

The Jets defense has even followed a similar blueprint this year. They brought back Demario Davis, a veteran former Jet who was on that 2015 team, as well as Minkah Fitzpatrick. The 2015 Jets went on a defensive spending spree, bringing back Darrelle Revis and Antonio Cromartie.

The coaching situation is not an exact parallel. Aaron Glenn is entering his second season and 2015 was Bowles' first in charge. But Glenn has taken over the defensive play-calling, just as Bowles did that year. On offense, Glenn has hired a veteran coordinator in Frank Reich like Bowles did with Chan Gailey.

The key question with Smith is whether he can pull the locker room together like Fitzpatrick did that season. Fitzpatrick had a way about him that made people want to follow him.

Smith has a world of experiences to share with young players. From being a rookie starter, to the punch and then a torn ACL derailing his career to replacing Eli Manning with the Giants to being a backup quarterback and then becoming Comeback Player of the Year in Seattle, Smith has lived about five different NFL lives.

Jets running back Breece Hall calls Smith an "OG" and said Smith has shared lessons with him from "the good, the bad and the ugly" of his career. Hall has said he feels like the Jets are finally ready to win.

"I finally feel like we have the team and the pieces around us for me and Garrett to really flourish and do what I know we both can do," Hall said.

It's been 11 years since Bowles announced that Smith had been punched. On Tuesday, there were plenty of fights between the Jets and the Buccaneers but Smith avoided all of them.

"He's a leader and he knows how to throw the football," Bowles said Tuesday of Smith. "He's just got to stay healthy for them."

Smith has had a fascinating NFL career with many interesting chapters. Just imagine now that he returns to the Jets and helps turn the team around. That would be a real ... jaw-dropper.

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NEW CHANCE: Geno Smith is a veteran quarterback who will try to get the Jets back on track this season, much like Ryan Fitzpatrick (left) did for Todd Bowles' 2015 squad when Smith, then in his third year, was the starter before getting his jaw broken over a $600 debt.

between Jets, Bucs

perspective after seeing Stiggers pass out on the sideline and be taken away in an ambulance — Glenn later said he appeared to be in good condition — the fighting continued.

One brawl saw Bucs defensive tackle A'Shawn Robinson rip off the helmet of the 22-year-old Jets right tackle Armand Membou, while another featured Jets rookie defensive tackle Darrell Jackson Jr. and multiple Buccaneers.

"The vets are not gonna do that," Glenn said. "I don't think you're gonna see Demario [Davis] or any of those older guys [doing that]. That's a lot of energy that's wasted doing that. The thing is, those [young] guys just have to learn. Hopefully we'll come out [Wednesday] and not have that, just have a good practice and finish this thing off."

Just follow the lead of Breece Hall.

"I've got a rule: If you're over 240 [pounds], I ain't messing with you," the Jets running back said. "Whenever I see a fight happen, that's my water break. Have at it. I'm tired. It's too hot for me to be fighting outside."

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Stiggers collapses, taken to hospital

By HOWIE KUSSOY

A hot and heated joint practice with the Buccaneers fell silent Tuesday when Qwan'tez Stiggers passed out near the sideline, halting play for roughly 10 minutes until the Jets cornerback was taken by ambulance to a local hospital.

In the aftermath of the frightening scene, Jets coach Aaron Glenn said Stiggers had regained consciousness and was speaking before leaving the field on a stretcher. By Tuesday night, Stiggers had been released from the hospital and was recovering at home.

JETS NOTES

"Our medical staff took the necessary steps to do everything we could," Glenn said. "For the most part, he was good."

Stiggers, 24, has been a feel-good story since he was selected by the Jets in the fifth round of the 2024 draft, becoming the first player drafted straight out of the CFL in 25 years. Prior to his time with the Toronto Argonauts, Stiggers — who dropped out of college without playing a game following the death of his father — played in the now-defunct Fan Controlled Football League.

Stiggers has appeared in 29 games with the Jets, serving as a gunner on special teams last season.

It is unclear what caused the medical incident or how much time the cornerback could miss.

"It was really scary," defensive tackle Harrison Phillips said. "It puts a lot of things in perspective. I'm really happy to hear that most of the news has been positive. There's the initial knee-jerk [reaction] and you're sitting there, like, 'What the f--k?' It was great to see he was conscious."

➤ **Geno Smith**, **Garrett Wilson** and the Jets starters will all take the field in Friday's preseason opener against the Bucs at MetLife Stadium.

"You have two new systems going in and I think it's important for our guys to play," Glenn said. "There is science behind this, too. ... What they say is, when you have joint practices where the 1s get a lot of reps and then you have [25-30] plays throughout those three preseason games, the risk of injury actually goes down in that first part of the year.

"I'm a big believer in that."

KEEPING THE FAITH

Lindor tells Post he wants to remain a Met, believes in future

By MIKE PUMA

ATLANTA — Barring a miraculous finish, Francisco Lindor will still be without a World Series ring when this season concludes.

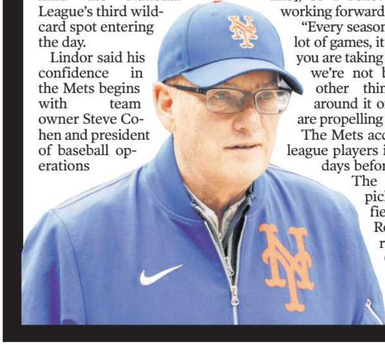
The Mets shortstop will be halfway through the $341 million, 10-year contract that went into effect for the 2022 season. He fully expects he will play those remaining five seasons in a Mets uniform and continue toward his goal of winning at least one title in Queens.

"The plan is to be here for my contract," Lindor told The Post before going 1-for-3 in a 4-0 loss to the Braves on Tuesday night. "When I signed up here, it was to be in the good times and bad times and to win."

Lindor's statement of allegiance to the organization follows a lead-up to the trade deadline in which his name swirled as potentially somebody who could be traded, especially if the Mets are years away from contending. But Lindor, who has no-trade protection, views this season as just a blip, not an indicator the franchise has taken a step backward.

The Mets are 53-68 with Tuesday's loss and were 11 games behind the National League's third wild-card spot entering the day.

Lindor said his confidence in the Mets begins with team owner Steve Cohen and president of baseball operations David Stearns.



"We have the right guys," Lindor said. "Stearns is the right guy. That is No. 1. We have one of the best owners in sports history, because [Cohen] is going to go always with the energy that needs to be put into the team. When you are in a big market there is not such a thing as rebuilding. There is a little bit of transition, that is it. You can't afford to rebuild in big markets, so I think we are working toward the right place. We have not taken a step backwards."

Lindor's optimism starts with rookies Carson Benge, A.J. Ewing and Nolan McLean, joining an established nucleus that includes himself, Juan Soto and Bo Bichette (who even so can potentially opt out of his contract after the season).

"You have the players you want to build around," Lindor said. "You have the young pitching staff, along with a couple of pitchers that are a little bit older. You have got Marcus [Semien] who has still got a couple of years. You have Bo — it's going to be up to him if he stays. You have the young players, and then you look at the minor league system, and you feel that we got better [at the trade deadline], so I believe that we are working forward.

"Every season that you lose a lot of games, it might look like you are taking a step back, but we're not because there's other things happening around it or behind it that are propelling us forward."

The Mets acquired 11 minor league players in trades in the days before the deadline. The most notable pickup was infielder Jefferson Rojas, who arrived from the Cubs for Clay Holmes and Tyrone Taylor.

Lindor named Rojas, along with Billy Amick (who was acquired from the Twins for A.J. Minter) as two players at Double-A Binghamton on his radar for next season. Lower in the farm system are shortstops Elian Peña and Wandy Asigen.

"They are not [imminent], but Juan Soto also wasn't in the picture with the Nationals," Lindor said. "He was in High-A and then he's in the big leagues. Same thing with José Ramírez. He was in High-A and then he was finishing in the big leagues. A.J. [Ewing] last year wasn't supposed to be in the big leagues this year, so early he was. You never know. They are going to develop in different ways, so we have guys like that. We have other pitchers in the minor league system that might not seem like big-time prospects, but they are going to help us."

Lindor, 32, missed two months with a calf strain and is just starting to show life offensively. He began the day with a .766 OPS following a surge over the past 2 ½ weeks.

Lindor was asked if he's stopped to consider that, by the end of next month, he will be halfway through his contract.

"No, because I live in the moment and I know I am getting older when it comes to baseball age, but I am not old," Lindor said. "At the end of the day, I still see it as I have got many years left, but with that being said, we have got to win. We have got to win, right? I want to help this team win."

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ON DECK: at Braves

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

LHP Zac Thornton

2026 stats: 3-2, 2.52 ERA

Career vs. ATL: 1-0, 4.26 ERA

Last start: Fri., at PIT; 5.0 IP, 4 H, 0 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

29%	25%	15%
Cutter	4-Seamer	Slider

RHP Tyler Mahle

2026 stats: 3-9, 4.83 ERA

Career vs. NYM: 0-3, 5.79 ERA

Last start: Fri., at NYY; 6.0 IP, 3 H, 0 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

49%	26%	17%
4-Seamer	Split	Cutter

UP NEXT

FRIDAY: vs. Nationals, 7:10 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ
RHP Robert Stock vs. RHP Mike Mikolas

SATURDAY: vs. Nationals, 4:10 p.m., SNY, FS1, WHSQ
LHP Sean Manaea vs. LHP Andrew Alvarez

INJURY REPORT

- **Devin Williams** was placed on the injured list Monday with a shoulder strain. The team's closer will miss at least a few weeks, according to interim manager Andy Green, but he is expected to pitch again this season.

NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP: Even though this season is lost, Francisco Lindor — who had one of four Mets hits in Tuesday's loss to the Braves — believes the future is bright for the Amazin's with Steve Cohen (inset) as owner and a nucleus that includes Juan Soto and promising young players like Carson Benge, A.J. Ewing and Nolan McLean.

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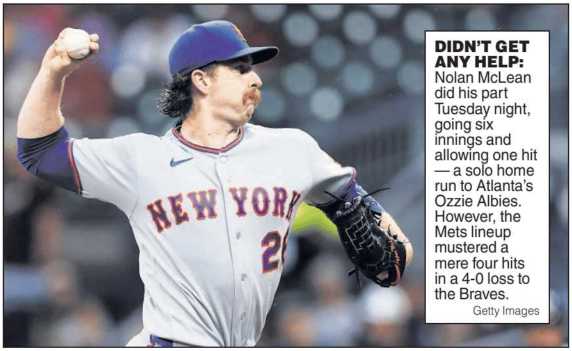

DIDN'T GET ANY HELP: Nolan McLean did his part Tuesday night, going six innings and allowing one hit — a solo home run to Atlanta's Ozzie Albies. However, the Mets lineup mustered a mere four hits in a 4-0 loss to the Braves.

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McLean's gem — retiring first 16 batters — goes to waste in loss to Braves

By MIKE PUMA

ATLANTA — August's dog days have nothing on Nolan McLean.

At a time of the season when concerns about a rookie starting pitcher's workload might arise, the right-hander appears on his game. But that alone couldn't get the Mets a victory Tuesday night.

With their previously sizzling bats cold, the Mets lost 4-0 to the Braves at Truist Park for their second loss in eight games on this road trip.

BRAVES	**4**
METS	**0**

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McLean surrendered one hit — a homer to Ozzie Albies — over six innings, allowing one run on a night he retired 16 straight batters to begin the game. He struck out three and walked two while extending his workload for this season to a career-high 136 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings. Last year he combined to pitch 113 $^{2}/_{3}$ in the minors and major leagues.

"I think a lot of it is working out in between your starts, not changing the routine even if you don't feel the best," McLean said of his crispness. "Just getting in the weight room and getting after it to keep the strength up. And then early in the year we talked about throwing too much in between starts and just being mindful of your chronic workload in between starts as well."

Interim manager Andy Green indicated that McLean, at 85 pitches, might have returned for the seventh inning if the Mets had the lead.

"[But] he's thrown a lot of pitches his last number of outings, so 85 pitches, six innings, one run and one hit, that's a good day's work for him in August in his first year," Green said.

McLean's rebound from a shaky start last week in Cleveland was a welcome sign. Thursday, he had his worst start of the season, surrendering five earned runs over five innings.

Overall, he's pitched to a 3.42 ERA in 24 starts this season.

"There's still a lot of work to do," McLean said. "There's a lot of games left this season. I wouldn't say the body of work is finished. I can learn every time we go out there and each lineup is completely different, too. So, I think it proposes a good challenge every time we go out there on how to navigate lineups multiple times through the order. The goal is to keep learning from that."

The Mets had averaged 7.1 runs over the previous seven games, but on this night were stifled by lefty Martín Pérez. They were also shut out in their other loss on this road trip, Saturday in Pittsburgh.

A.J. Ewing's full-extension, diving catch racing toward the foul line in left field deprived Mauricio Dubón of a hit to conclude the second inning. McLean raised his right arm to celebrate the play.

Albies homered leading off the home fifth, jumping on an 0-2 fastball and clearing the right field fence to give the Braves a 1-0 lead.

The Mets wasted an opportunity in the sixth, putting runners on the corners with one out before Carson Benge grounded into an inning-ending double play against Pérez, who before the night concluded extended his scoreless streak to 18 innings. The lefty allowed four hits and three walks over six innings, departing after 82 pitches.

"[Pérez's] change-up was really special," Green said. "We didn't make the appropriate adjustments to it. He only left a couple of them up."

Jefry Yan walked Matt Olson and Albies in the seventh. Dubón's sacrifice fly extended the Braves lead to 2-0. The lefty Yan was removed with two outs in the inning after walking Lane Thomas.

Chayce McDermott allowed a two-run homer to Olson in the eighth that sank the Mets into a 4-0 hole. Olson's homer was his 35th this season, which tied him for the major league lead with Junior Caminero, Kyle Schwarber and Yordan Alvarez.

Weathers makes strong case to stay in rotation

By DAN MARTIN

Ryan Weathers' time in the rotation may come to an end sometime this month, especially with Carlos Rodón possibly coming back into the rotation after one more rehab start.

But Weathers isn't going to make the decision an easy one.

The lefty delivered his fourth straight excellent start in Tuesday's 4-1 win over Seattle. He gave up just one run over 5 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings, touched for a solo homer by Randy Arozarena with one out in the top of the sixth.

At that point, the lethargic Yankees offense still hadn't scored, which seems to be a nightly occurrence in The Bronx. But the solid work by Weathers allowed the Yankees to come back in the bottom of the seventh, when they finally broke through against the Mariners with four runs.

Weathers entered Tuesday having given up just one run over 18 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings in his previous three starts and was excellent again while facing a Mariners team that's been in a similar scoring drought to the Yankees.

"I'm in this organization to win ballgames at this level," Weathers said after the game. "Whatever that means, I think I'm a valuable asset in any role. That's what I want [Aaron Boone] to know about me. If I'm in the bullpen, that's fine."

Despite his run of success, there has been the thought that Weathers' stuff would translate to the bullpen better than right-hander Will Warren's.

But pitching coach Matt Blake said the team hasn't determined how they will handle the rotation once Rodón gets back from his inflamed elbow.

"Weathers is throwing the ball extremely well lately, and there are a lot of valuable innings to be had as a starter," Blake said. "I don't think we've made a decision one way or the other with Carlos coming back. We'll let it play out. It usually sorts itself out, as it has so far this year."

Another factor to consider is that Weathers has also had a much heavier workload than in any of his other five major league seasons.

Prior to this year, he'd never started more than 18 games or pitched more than 94 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings as a major leaguer. He pitched a combined 136 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings between the majors and minors in 2023.

After Tuesday's performance, his 23rd start of the year, he's up to 126 $^{2}/_{3}$ innings.

"I feel great," Weathers said. "My arm is really good."

Still, even Weathers is intrigued by the possibility of moving to a relief role, at least down the stretch.

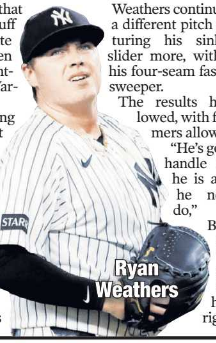
"In the bullpen, who knows what I can do?" Weathers said. "It's a shorter burst and you're not setting up hitters. You just throw nasty stuff and get three outs. And in the playoffs, all bets are off at the end. I just want to be a Swiss Army knife."

He was good enough to throw 22 $^{2}/_{3}$ consecutive scoreless innings before Arozarena took him deep, which also ended his streak of having retired 11 batters in a row.

Weathers continued using a different pitch mix, featuring his sinker and slider more, with less of his four-seam fastball and sweeper.

The results have followed, with fewer homers allowed.

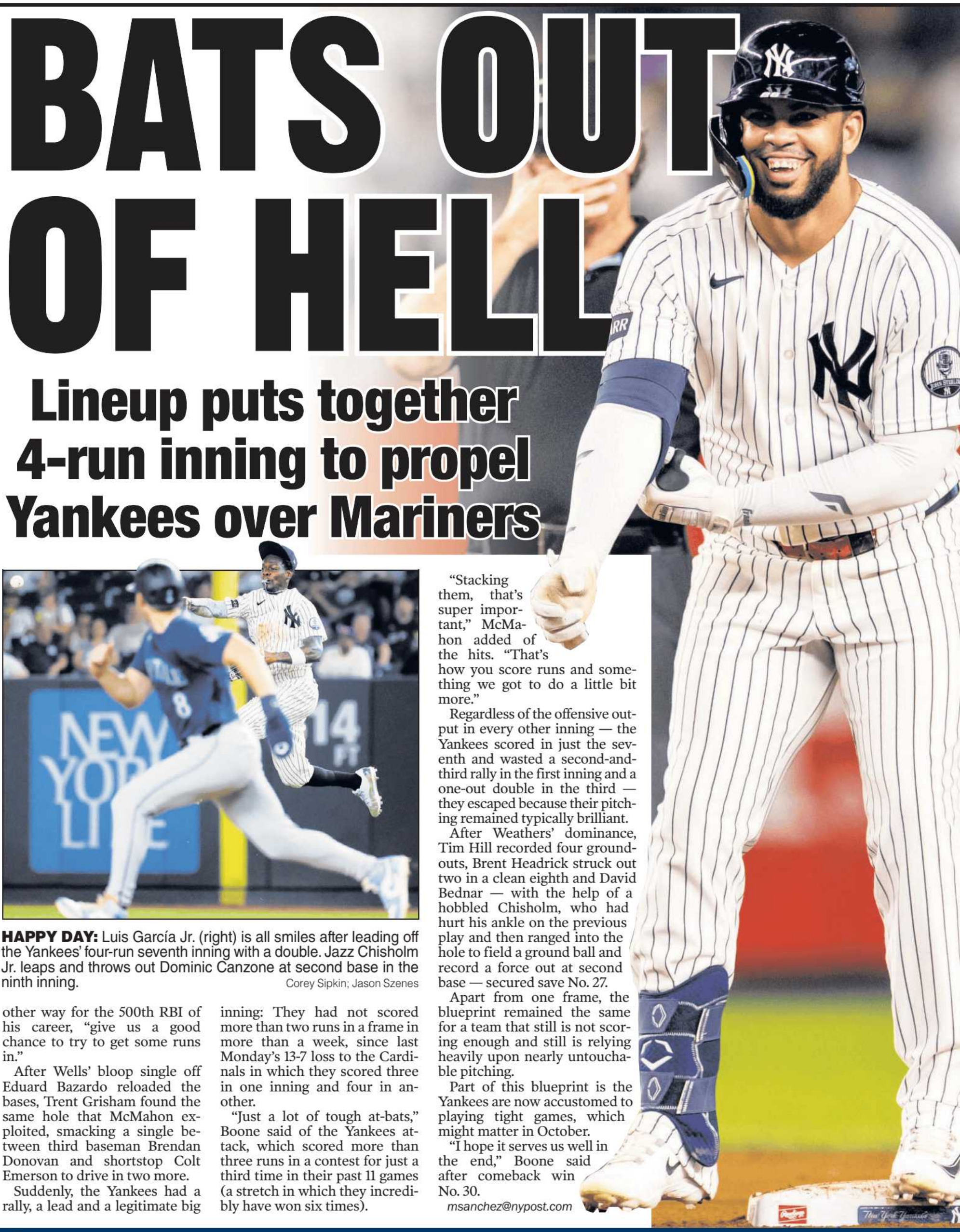
"He's got a great handle on who he is and what he needs to do," Aaron Boone said. "He's executing at a high level right now."



Ryan Weathers

BATS OUT OF HELL

Lineup puts together 4-run inning to propel Yankees over Mariners



HAPPY DAY: Luis García Jr. (right) is all smiles after leading off the Yankees' four-run seventh inning with a double. Jazz Chisholm Jr. leaps and throws out Dominic Canzone at second base in the ninth inning.

Corey Sipkin; Jason Szenes

By MARK W. SANCHEZ

It began with a ball struck with authority, Luis García Jr. thundering his second double of the game off the right field wall.

It included the kind of well-aimed luck that has eluded them, Austin Wells' pop-up into shallow right-center somehow not winding up in a Seattle glove.

And for the first time in a long time, there were bunches of hits — legitimate, real, pitch-to-bat-to-outfield-grass trajectories, the kind your grandparents fondly remember witnessing when they were young.

YANKEES 4
MARINERS 1

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The frigid Yankees lineup finally broke through, stacking five knocks and one walk together to score four runs in the seventh inning to seize a 4-1 comeback victory over the Mariners in front of 41,407 frustrated, then frenzied, fans in The Bronx on Tuesday.

"Still, obviously, we got a long ways to go," manager Aaron Boone said after the Yankees (67-52) won for the third time in four games, a span in which Tuesday's was the lone contest not decided by one run. "But hopefully this is us moving the needle to get closer to the offense we can be."

So many games for the past several weeks have followed a script that featured excellent Yankees pitching, inept Yankees hitting and resulting late-game tension because neither side could create distance.

That is how the series opener began, the Yankees down 1-0 — courtesy of a Randy Arozarena sixth-inning home run off an otherwise excellent Ryan Weathers — after six and a half innings, during which the home team managed three hits, none of which came with runners in scoring position.

Until the game flipped with Seattle starter Bryan Woo removed. Against righty Michael Rucker, García scalded a leadoff double. Jazz Chisholm Jr., who even in this season of struggles has struggled acutely recently, found a hole on the right side of the infield to put runners on the corners.

A George Lombard Jr. strikeout felt as if it would be the first step to another backbreaking inning, but after a Spencer Jones walk, Ryan McMahon lined a go-ahead two-run single through the left side of the infield to turn a one-run deficit into a one-run lead.

"I was just trying to stay inside the baseball," said McMahon, who volleyed a curveball the other way for the 500th RBI of his career, "give us a good chance to try to get some runs in."

After Wells' bloop single off Eduard Bazardo reloaded the bases, Trent Grisham found the same hole that McMahon exploited, smacking a single between third baseman Brendan Donovan and shortstop Colt Emerson to drive in two more.

Suddenly, the Yankees had a rally, a lead and a legitimate big inning: They had not scored more than two runs in a frame in more than a week, since last Monday's 13-7 loss to the Cardinals in which they scored three in one inning and four in another.

"Just a lot of tough at-bats," Boone said of the Yankees attack, which scored more than three runs in a contest for just a third time in their past 11 games (a stretch in which they incredibly have won six times).

"Stacking them, that's super important," McMahon added of the hits. "That's how you score runs and something we got to do a little bit more."

Regardless of the offensive output in every other inning — the Yankees scored in just the seventh and wasted a second-and-third rally in the first inning and a one-out double in the third — they escaped because their pitching remained typically brilliant.

After Weathers' dominance, Tim Hill recorded four groundouts, Brent Headrick struck out two in a clean eighth and David Bednar — with the help of a hobbled Chisholm, who had hurt his ankle on the previous play and then ranged into the hole to field a ground ball and record a force out at second base — secured save No. 27.

Apart from one frame, the blueprint remained the same for a team that still is not scoring enough and still is relying heavily upon nearly untouchable pitching.

Part of this blueprint is the Yankees are now accustomed to playing tight games, which might matter in October.

"I hope it serves us well in the end," Boone said after comeback win No. 30.

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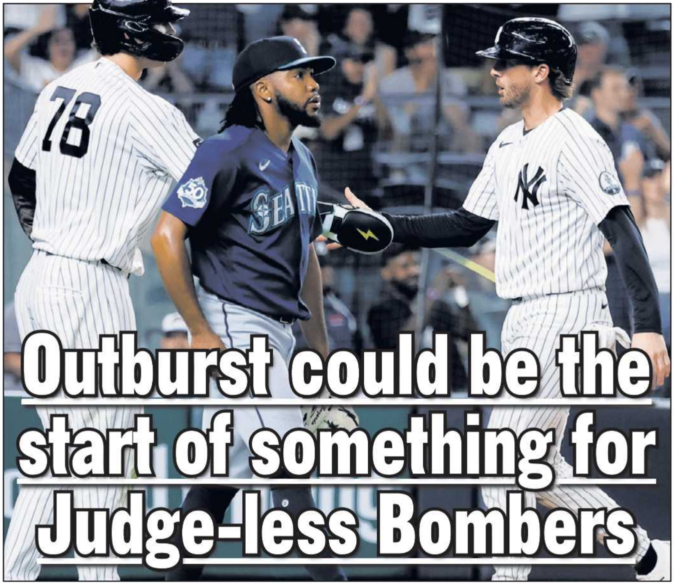
Outburst could be the start of something for Judge-less Bombers



SCORE VALUES: Spencer Jones (left) celebrates with Ryan McMahon in front of Eduard Bazardo after McMahon scored on a single by Trent Grisham during the seventh inning of the Yankees' 4-1 win over the Mariners.
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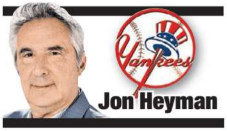

Jon Heyman

THIS WAS an offensive outburst, at least by the newly reduced hitting standards of these Judge-less Yankees. They needed this in a big way. The Yankees needed this win, and they needed this relative explosion of hits.

Yes, this has been a very trying 10 weeks since the great Aaron Judge went down with a broken rib.

Surely, we knew the lineup would suffer. But this much? Who knew the vaunted Yankees lineup would fall so far that it was baseball's worst, at least by a few measures (more on that below)?

Maybe the sudden Yankees eruption Tuesday night at the Stadium — five hits, a walk and four runs within six batters — is a sign they may finally be getting their batting act together. Or maybe it's merely a reflection of a cold opponent whose manager played right into their lefty-heavy hands by utilizing two run-of-the-mill righty relievers after a frontline starter and tough lefty continued the Yankees lineup's misery by shutting them out the first six innings.

Anyway, the Yankees will take their refreshing seventh-inning rally and their 4-1 victory over the Mariners, which kept them from falling to 30-30 since Judge went out. It's really quite a testament to their pitching staff that they've managed to post a winning record without Judge because they've barely hit.

This was a step, at least. Finally, there was reason for offensive optimism.

"Obviously, we've got a long way to go," manager Aaron Boone admitted afterward. "But hopefully, this is us moving the needle to get closer to where we need to be."

How bad was the Yankees lineup going before struggling Seattle arrived? I will quantify things below.

But here's the greatest evidence yet. Even Boone, who can spin things better than Max Fried spins a baseball, can't find much positive to say.

"It's been a struggle," Boone admitted.

Yes, the favored rose-colored glasses are long locked in his drawer. Reality has hit (even if they haven't). Since Judge went out two-plus months ago, the Bronx Bombers rank near the bottom in most offensive categories.

"Several weeks now, it's been difficult for us scoring runs. We know that," Boone continued. "To be the team we expect and want to be, we know we've got to get better offensively, and hopefully we will, not only with the guys we have now ... but hopefully, as we go, getting some guys back."

It isn't just some guys who are out, it's their three highest-paid position players — $121.5M worth of talent — including the game's best hitter. Of course the lineup declines without Judge, a three-time MVP. But no one expected this.

No one in that clubhouse will say they are putting extra pressure on themselves without Judge and Giancarlo Stanton, and now Cody Bellinger, too. But it's an entire ballclub's malaise. Nearly everyone is doing worse than they were, and also worse than they should based on their own personal histories.

Hard as it is to believe, the Yankees were dead last coming into the night among 30 teams since Judge went out June 1 in batting average (.217), on-base percentage (.284), strikeout percentage (26.3) and batting with runners in scoring position (.189). They were a little better, 28th in OPS (.670), 27th in runs per game (3.83) and 25th in slugging (.385). But for them, that still qualifies as utter dreck.

What's more, they will need to continue to adjust without their best hitter because he still has no timetable to return and is running third in line to return, behind Bellinger and even the oft-injured Stanton.

They are working to play better, of course. But they are also waiting for the main man to get back. And while the Yankees can't or won't estimate a timetable, the tea leaves predict it won't be this week, or next, or maybe even the week after.

Judge has confidently suggested he will return this season, but the progress is painfully slow. Ribs don't heal quickly.

While Bellinger is hitting and fielding and Stanton is running before us, whatever Judge is doing remains behind the scenes.

There's still no firm word — or even a guess — as to when Judge will be back, though Boone did agree that the order of return "probably" will be Bellinger, Stanton and then Judge.

Regardless, they probably should hit better than they have. Not counting the wunderkind shortstop, George Lombard Jr., who just got here and has been a revelation — through six games he looks almost like Derek Jeter at the plate, and better in the field — everyone is doing worse than expected. In some cases, it's a lot worse.

Counting a start more typical of the Bronx Bombers, their full-year numbers have fallen into mediocrity. They are 15th in both OPS (.720) and runs (531), which isn't how they're built.

Their pitching, almost consistently brilliant, is what's keeping them firmly in playoff position.

They all know that.

"We need to play better offensively," Paul Goldschmidt said. "That's just the truth."

Tuesday marked a start, anyway.

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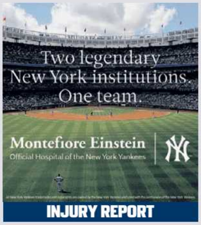

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INJURY REPORT

- **Luis Gil** (shoulder inflammation) threw a scoreless inning with High-A Hudson Valley in his first outing of a rehab assignment. Gil could "potentially" be used as bullpen help, Aaron Boone said.
- **Giancarlo Stanton** (calf strain) ran the bases for what was believed to be the first time since suffering the injury.

ON DECK

vs. Mariners

Wednesday, 7:05 p.m., ESPN, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Will Warren

2026 stats:
8-6, 4.18 ERA

Career vs. SEA:
1-0, 1.69 ERA

Last start:
Aug. 5, vs. STL;
5.1 IP, 3 ER, 5 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Sinker	Sweeper
37%	27%	20%

RHP Bryce Miller

2026 stats:
4-6, 3.08 ERA

Career vs. NYY:
0-2, 7.56 ERA

Last start:
Thurs., vs. DET;
5 IP, 4 ER, 2 BB

PITCH BREAKDOWN

4-Seamer	Splitter	Slider
44%	24%	11%

UP NEXT

THURSDAY: vs. Mariners,
1:35 p.m., YES, WFAN
LHP Max Fried
vs. RHP Logan Gilbert

FRIDAY: at Blue Jays,
7:15 p.m., Apple TV, WFAN
TBD vs. TBD

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STREAM IT OR SKIP IT

"The Last House" (Netflix) is so slipshod and random, that attempting to draw upon any of the film's implications so one can theorize what it is and how it works feels like madness. **OUR CALL: SKIP IT**

Netflix

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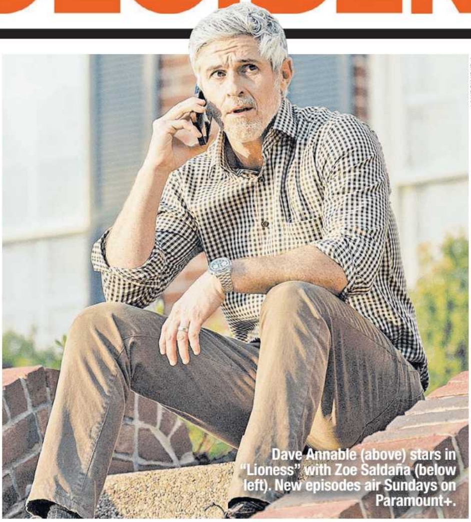
WHAT TO WATCH

"Star Wars: Visions Presents — The Ninth Jedi" (Disney+) paints a rich visual tapestry of the "Star Wars" universe with a refreshing original tale and an incredibly animated production that offers a whole new angle to this familiar, beloved world. The series is bolstered by a talented voice cast that breathes life into characters that already feel vibrant, thanks to the art and animation, which features fluid movement within its visuals.

DECIDER WHAT TO WATCH. WHEREVER YOU WATCH

'IS LOVE ALWAYS ENOUGH?'

'Lioness' star Dave Annable questions if Neal and Joe's marriage has an 'expiration date'


Paramount+

Dave Annable (above) stars in "Lioness" with Zoe Saldaña (below left). New episodes air Sundays on Paramount+.

By KAREN KEMMERLE

Dave Annable wasn't ready to say goodbye to the SheridanVerse after playing the doomed Lee Dutton in the **"Yellowstone"** pilot. Luckily for him (and audiences!), Annable was **"Lioness"** creator Taylor Sheridan's first choice to play Neal McNamara—a respected surgeon, husband to Joe McNamara (Zoe Saldaña), and father to their two daughters, Kate (Hannah Love Lanier) and Charlie (Celestina Harris). "When Taylor and I first spoke about the role of Neal, he was adamant that Neal is not going to be just a side thought," remembered Annable. "He wanted Neal to be a fleshed-out character with a real relationship with his wife."

While the McNamaras have overcome several life-altering incidents (Kate's car accident in Season 1; Joe's near-death experience in Season 2), they may have just encountered their toughest obstacle yet. In the Season 3 premiere, Joe gets blackjacked by enemy agents months after killing two enemy agents who tried to kill her in the McNamara home. "Neal is in complete shock after Joe has to put down those men on their front doorstep," said Annable. "Seeing a few dead bodies on his front lawn while his children slept upstairs is a real crisis moment for Neal."

With Joe currently being held by enemy operatives, Neal must remain strong for their daughters, but at what cost to their marriage? "Everybody's got some version of a breaking point," said Annable. "Once the 'war' has come to his house, Neal needs to reassess." While their marriage is stronger than ever, Annable teased that Neal might be forced to make a tough decision to protect himself and his daughters as the season progresses. "Neal and Joe have a wonderful relationship, but there's only so much a human being is willing to take," said Annable simply.

DECIDER: "Lioness" is back for Season 3, and it remains one of the most topical shows on streaming. Do you feel that responsibility on set?

DAVE ANNABLE: For sure. Personally, I feel a massive responsibility to all the families of service members. Obviously, we want to tell a beautiful story about the sacrifice that the service members are making, but at the same time, explore how their families deal with their loved ones being put in danger. I do feel a big responsibility, which is why I know Taylor nailed it.

Did Taylor Sheridan give you the backstory of how Joe and Neal met?

At the very beginning, we loosely talked about their journey. We came up with them meeting in school or shortly after. They were both very supportive of their respective careers. Taylor has written a beautiful, mature relationship that I'm jealous of [laughs]. They're so supportive and patient with each other. But does that have an expiration date? Who knows?

This season jumps back and forth between timelines. How difficult was that for you to keep straight in your head?

It wasn't the easiest. Obviously, we do our homework and go to the set prepared. Our script supervisor and director always remind us where we are in the story for whatever scene we're filming. The timeline was really fun to play. It was such an interesting way to structure the third season. It will keep the audience really on the edge of their seats.

I would argue that some of the scenes in the McNamara home can be as intense as those action sequences because there's so much at stake for Joe. How do you and Zoe approach those scenes in which Neal and Joe are arguing?

It's really in the writing. I always come to set with an idea of how I want to play the scene, but once the cameras start rolling, I kind of throw away any expectations or pressures I might have felt. I'm working across from an Oscar winner [laughs]. I trust her completely. Zoe and I have both gotten to a very comfortable place working together. It's fun to explore the many facets of Joe and Neal. It's heavy at times, but I'm excited for everyone to see how this all plays out.

Do you feel like Neal will stand by Joe no matter what? Or will he be forced to make a difficult choice now that he and his daughters are in danger?

Without giving away too much, I think you have to ask: how much is too much? Is love always enough? At the moment, I think Neal is wrestling with the choices he's made. Neal and Joe have a wonderful relationship, but there's only so much a human being is willing to take.

Disney

TRENDING NOW

It's clear that **Demi Lovato** (left) still rocks. After only previously being announced as an executive producer on **"Camp Rock 3,"** the actress and singer, who played Mitchie Torres in both **"Camp Rock"** and **"Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam,"** has been confirmed to make a cameo in the film franchise's highly anticipated third installment. "Camp Rock 3" premieres on Disney Channel on Thursday, Aug. 13.

WHAT'S NEW

ON APPLE TV
"**Women in Blue**," the Season 2 premiere.

ON PRIME VIDEO
"**Reacher**," the first three episodes of Season 4 (left).

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

ACTION

Ghostbusters: 6 p.m. on PARMT. Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. Armed with proton packs, four paranormal investigators battle mischievous ghouls in N.Y.

THRILLER

John Wick: 7 p.m. on AMC. Keanu Reeves, Adrianne Palicki. A former hitman grieving the loss of his true love, is forced to return to action to exact revenge.

FAMILY

The Sandlot: 8 p.m. on PARSHO. Art LaFleur, Tom Guiry. A new kid in town is taken under the wing of a young baseball prodigy and his rowdy team.

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ESPN	28	36	70	Baseball	MLB Baseball: Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees. Live.						MLB Baseball Live.			
ESPN2	29	35	74	Sports	Little League Baseball: Regionals Live.				Little League Baseball: Regionals Live.				SportsCenter	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		The Claman Countdown		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies	
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Fox News @ Night	
FOOD	50	97	164	Grocery	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Disasters	Diners	Guy's Grocery Games	
FREE	38	49	199	Friday ★★½	The Parent Trap (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. PG ★★½						House of Stassi		The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	MotoGP Replay.		Travis	Leagues Cup Soccer: Monterrey at Nashville SC.				Leagues Cup Soccer Live.			
FX	10	40	53	(6:00) Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021, Action) Tom Holland. ★★★½					The Shards		(10:04) The Shards		(11:04) Spider-Man (2017)	
HALL		191	240	Adventures in Love & Birding (2025)			Absolutely Devoted to You (2026) Jesse Metcalfe.				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	Renovation	Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha		Renovation Resort Show		Worst Yard	Worst Yard	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	Alone (R)	Alone: Natural Order (R)		Alone: Tides of Fortu. (R)		Alone: Icebound			(10:34) Forged in Fire		Alone (R)
ID	23	171	123	See No	See No Evil		Body Cam		Body Cam: Let's Do This		911: Did the Killer Call?		See No Evil	
LIFE	62	45	140	Rizzoli	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		(10:03) Rizzoli & Isles		(11:03) Rizzoli & Isles	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(5:00) NBA	NBA Basketball				MSG PM	MSG PM	NBA Basketball			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(5:00) NHL	Team Boxing Replay.					Team Boxing: Quarterfinal #4 - LA Elite at Las Vegas Hustle				
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		The Briefing Jen Psaki		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour with Ali	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
NATGEO	65	162	121	Smuggler	Catch Smuggler (R)		Catch Smuggler (R)		Catch Smuggler (R)		Catch Smuggler (R)		Catch Smuggler (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	Azkaban	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. PG-13 ★★★½							Bang	(11:15) Big Bang Theory	
OWN	173	180	145	Inside Fix	First-Time	First-Time	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray. ★★★½				Ghostbusters II (1989, Comedy) Bill Murray. PG ★★★					Ghostbusters (1984) ★★★½	
SNY	26	60	77	Pre Game	MLB Baseball: New York Mets at Atlanta Braves from Truist Park. Live.						Post Game	Sports	Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009, Action) Shia LaBeouf. PG-13 ★★½							The Ark: The One		Underworld: Rise Lycans	
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite: Dynamite 8/12/2026				Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	(6:45) Horse Feathers (1932, Comedy)			Duck Soup (1933) Groucho Marx. ★★★½			Animal Crackers (1930, Comedy) Groucho Marx. ★★★				Monkey NR
TLC	52	28	139	(6:00) Most	Most Extreme (R)		Most Extreme (R)		Most Extreme Humans		Save My Skin (R)		Jay & Pamela (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	(6:00) The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001, Fantasy) Elijah Wood. ★★★★							Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (2024) Anya Taylor-Joy. R			
TVLAND	85	34	241	(6:24) Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	9-1-1: Desperate		WNBA Wed	WNBA Basketball: Toronto Tempo at Dallas Wings.				WNBA Basketball Live.			
VH1	19	52	217	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Wife/Kids	Accepted (2006, Comedy) Justin Long. PG-13 ★★½				Down to Earth (2001, Comedy) Chris Rock. PG-13 ★★			
WE	59	42	149	(6:00) NCIS	NCIS: Heartland		NCIS: Nine Lives		NCIS: Murder 2.0		NCIS: Collateral Damage		NCIS: Cloak	
YES	53	89	76	MLB Baseball Replay.		MLS: Cruz Azul at New York City FC. Replay.				My Number	Postgame	Homegrown	Yankees	Nets Pod
HBO	511	301	400	Monsters	(7:19) Last Week (R)		House of the Dragon (R)		Life Larry	The Strangers (2008, Thriller) Liv Tyler.			The Strangers: Chapter 2	
MAX	531	371	420	(6:03) Robin Hood (2010, Action) Russell Crowe. ★★½				(8:24) It (2017, Horror) Bill Skarsgård, Finn Wolfhard.				Oracle (2023, Horror) Ryan Destiny. R		
MGM Plus	595		395	Spaceballs	The Westies: Rad Tad		The Naked Gun (2025) Liam Neeson.			Daddy's Home 2 (2017) Will Ferrell. ★★½			The Terminal (2004)	
PARSHO	551	321	365	(6:10) Ghost in the Shell (2017, Action)			The Sandlot (1993, Family) Art LaFleur.			(9:45) Forrest Gump (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Sally Field. ★★★★				

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